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PREMIER REPLIES TO CRITICISM ON DEFENCE OF CRETE: EX-WAR MINISTER CHARGES GOVERNMENT WITH INEFFECTIVE PREPARATION

"THE DEFEAT IN CRETE IS BITTER—THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER TO DEFEAT AND THAT IS VICTORY."

With these words the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, concluded a statement on the situation in the Middle East during a debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Churchill was replying to criticisms of Britain's policy of defence in Crete.

THE BATTLE OF CRETE, HE SAID, COULD ONLY BE VIEWED AS ONE PART OF THE BATTLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND IT WAS TOO LOPSIDED AND MISLEADING TO SELECT ONE FRONT IN EXAMINING THE BATTLE. ALL THIS TIME THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC HAD BEEN GOING ON AND IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED, TOO, THAT EVERYTHING SENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST WAS OUT OF ACTION FOR THE BEST PART OF THREE MONTHS, HAVING TO GO ROUND THE CAPE.

AEROPLANES MUST BE RECOGNISED AS INTEGRAL PART OF THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARE POINTS FROM THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"It is plain that the campaign in and around Crete has shown that aircraft, more than any other weapon, must be recognised as an integral part of the Army and Navy. The Fleet Air Arm completely justified itself. Why not have something analogous for the Army?"—MR. L. HORE-BELISHA (National Liberal).

"The over-riding difficulty does not arise from mistakes but is due to the fact that General Wavell has to conduct a number of campaigns simultaneously. In each he is out-numbered and out-manned. General Wavell is deserving of congratulations on practically concluding three campaigns in East Africa."—MR. B. B. LEES-SMITH (Labour).

"What is being done to develop the enormous resources in Africa?"—EARL WINTERTON (Conservative).

"Too much depends on the Prime Minister. War strategy should be in the hands of a directorate."—MR. A. BEVERLEY BAXTER (Conservative).

SPEED IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE IN SYRIA

"Speed is of the greatest importance in our entry into Syria," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast from London last night. "So far we have only had sporadic resistance here and there but we have reason to believe our forces are well equipped and that they will be in possession of key points before many days are passed."

"The situation in Syria appears to be a German backing out much as they did in Iraq. This may be a trick to counter our declaration that it was to drive the Germans out of Syria that we entered the country."

"The appearance of Germans in Syria may be a red herring to draw our forces out of Egypt but we may be sure that General Wavell would not have diverted his troops from Egypt unless he was sure of being able to withstand an attack there."

Maj. Murray said that the British forces now had plenty of equipment and South African troops were helping in the defence of Egypt.

"We must be careful not to believe the wild reports that are being put out," continued Maj. Murray. "Such stories as masses of French troops coming over to join the Free French forces and a huge force of Arabs advancing on Aleppo."

"We should remember that these stories are more often than not put out by German propaganda in the hope that by drawing a denial from us they might get at the truth."

"It is a familiar German propaganda technique which was tried first in Norway and is meant to advertise bigger successes by us in order to discredit all information coming from the Allied countries."

"We have run very great risks and faced very serious maulings to maintain the war in the Mediterranean," said the Premier. "Since the Battle of Britain was won by our aircraft last autumn we have been sending aircraft to the Middle East by every route and every method, but it has always been much easier for the Germans to move from one side of Europe to the other and back again from the east to the west."

Mr. Churchill said it would have been a great mistake to make a large number of airfields in Crete unless they could find sufficient anti-aircraft guns and aircraft to defend them, otherwise this would have greatly facilitated parachute landings.

As it was the enemy had to make a major effort but of course there were a great many islands from which the Germans could make their attack. To defend



everywhere would have meant being strong nowhere.

Every single A.A. gun that the British forces had was in action at some necessary point.

"I can give the House an assurance," continued Mr. Churchill, "that we have done, are doing and will do all we can to build up the largest possible air force in the Middle East and that our difficulty has not been the lack of aircraft but solely one of transportation."

"The decision to defend Crete was taken with the full knowledge that air support there would be at a minimum. The Chiefs of Staff were of the opinion that there was a good chance of winning the battle."

"If we had never attempted to defend the Island the Germans might now have been the masters of Syria and Iraq and preparing themselves for an advance into Persia."

BRITISH LOSSES

British losses in Crete were about 15,000 men killed, wounded, missing and prisoners of war, exclusive of Greeks and Cretans.

German losses were 5,000 drowned, 12,000 killed or wounded, 180 fighters and bombers and 250 troop-carriers.

German parachute troops did not wear New Zealand uniforms. The mistake arose from the German parachute troops driving the British and New Zealand wounded before them.

"The Premier said he regretted very much that the brunt of the fighting should have fallen so

U.S. Show Of Force Is Welcomed

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter).—The President's decision to order the army to take over the strike-bound North American Aviation plant is headlined in the Press and given the leading place in radio comments.

The administration's show of force is welcomed and it has released some of the pent-up editorial resentment against the strike situation generally.

The opportunity has been seized to denounce Communist activity which is generally held responsible for the strike.

ANOTHER THREATENED
SAN DIEGO, California, June 10 (Reuter).—Yet another strike is threatened in an important war material factory.

The plant involved is the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation here.

The vote to strike will, however, not mean an immediate walk-out and federal officials hope to settle the matter without strike.

The Corporation has \$700,000,000 defence orders, mainly bombers for Britain and the United States.

M.P. KILLED

DUDLEY, June 10 (Reuter).—Mr. Jack Barnato Joel, Conservative member of Parliament for Dudley, is reported missing and presumed killed.

He was in the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

He is the youngest son of the late Mr. S. B. Joel, famous South African mining magnate and turbotailor.

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RECALL OF ENTIRE JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATION IN BATAVIA IMMINENT AFTER CONFERENCE

ITALY TO OCCUPY GREECE

"The German Government have agreed to allow Italy to occupy the whole of Greece, including Athens," said Signor Mussolini, speaking in Rome yesterday on the occasion of the first anniversary of Italy's entry into the war.

II Duce added Italy had now settled her account with Greece and it was certain that even if nothing else had happened in April the Greek Army would have been annihilated but unfortunately, it collapsed just then.

ANALYSIS OF AIR LOSSES

For every British plane shot down the Axis have lost over three. This was revealed in an interesting analysis of air losses given by the Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

From the beginning of January this year to April, 380 British planes had been lost or destroyed on all fronts compared with 1,131 Axis machines of which 494 were German and 637 Italian.

Sir Archibald also revealed that during May the enemy had lost 447 aircraft. Of these 207 were over and round the coasts of Britain, 63 by day and 144 by night.

The Air Minister added that 240 enemy aircraft had been accounted for in the Mediterranean and the Middle East but this number may prove to be substantially more than the true figure.

An emergency meeting of his principal officers was called by Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, in Tokyo yesterday.

FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE, THE RECALL OF THE ENTIRE JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATION IN BATAVIA IS IMMINENT.

"Very unsatisfactory" was the description given by the Japanese spokesman at a Press conference to the Netherlands East Indies reply to the Japanese proposals submitted at the Batavia conference, says Reuter.

The spokesman added that he could not go beyond saying that the reply was under very careful consideration.

He refused to divulge the contents of the Dutch reply which is believed to be the Netherlands' last word.

It is stated by the Domei News Agency that if Japan accepts the Netherlands' counter-proposal, the parley will be continued, but the Japanese Government has not decided its attitude.

The KOKUMIN SHIMBUN declared editorially that a breakdown of the Batavia negotiations seemed inevitable.

The CHUGAI SHOGYO, leading commercial daily newspaper, asserts: "Japan's prestige will be gone forever if she allows herself to be fooled by the colony of a refugee country."

It urges the Japanese Government to take the occasion to decide on the high policy in Japan's southward policy instead of dealing with the Netherlands reply technically or as a routine matter.

DRASTIC MEASURES

TOKYO, June 10 (Reuter).—While Cabinet leaders are still silent on the official attitude all the papers are advocating drastic counter-measures against the N.E.I.

The Japanese Army organ, the KOKUMIN SHIMBUN, in an editorial, urges the Government to revert to the "firm decisive measure considered a year ago," and

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V.C. FOR INDIAN OFFICER

His Majesty the King has approved of the award of the Victoria Cross to SECOND-LIEUTENANT KARMINDER SINGH BHAGAT, of the Corps of Indian Engineers, for most conspicuous gallantry.

This is the first V.C. to be awarded to an Indian in the present war.

Following the capture of Meitima, Second-Lieut. Bhagat was in command of a section of a field company of sappers and gunners and for a period of four days and over a distance of 50 miles he directed the operations of the clearing of its minefields.

Realising the importance of the work, and that speed was essential, this officer worked from dawn to dusk each day. On one occasion he continued under heavy enemy fire.

His coolness, persistence and gallantry during the 96 hours were of the highest order.

A Message From Petain To Franco

VICHY, June 10 (Reuter).—Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, confirmed in an interview he gave, before leaving for Madrid, that he has been entrusted with a message from Marshal Petain to General Franco.

"I had two long interviews with Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan," he said. "Naturally I cannot discuss the message. All I can say is that M. Petain, Ambassador to Madrid, has officially informed the Spanish Government of my visit."

The Cardinal added that the purpose of his visit was to dedicate a rebuilt French church in Madrid which was destroyed in the civil war, and would deliver the message to General Franco after the Corpus Christi celebrations on June 12.

Today's News Summary

THERE WAS A DEBATE in the House of Commons yesterday on Crete. The speakers included Mr. H. B. Lees-Smith, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha (former Minister for War), Sir Percy Harris, Earl Winterton, and Mr. A. Beverley Baxter who advocated a directorate of Empire men to advise on strategy. The Prime Minister replied to the criticisms and said that the defeat at Crete was bitter. But there was only one answer to defeat—victory.

THE PENETRATION OF ALLIED forces into Syria is proceeding satisfactorily, according to latest reports. Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday, said that he was not yet in a position to make a statement on the situation in Syria but the British and Free-French forces were advancing towards Beirut and Damascus.

THE RECALL OF THE ENTIRE Japanese trade delegation at Batavia is imminent following a conference between Mr. Matsuoka and high officials in Tokyo yesterday. The N.E.I. reply to the Japanese proposals is considered to be unsatisfactory.

INTENSE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE was encountered by British bombers when they made widespread attacks on enemy shipping off the coasts of Norway, Holland and Belgium.

THE SINKING OF THE AMERICAN ship Robin Moor by a German submarine is likely to have worldwide repercussion.

Sinking Of Robin Moor Likely To Have Worldwide Repercussion

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter).—The terrible sufferings of 11 of the crew of the UNITED STATES steamer ROBIN MOOR, who were adrift in an open boat for 13 days across 1,000 miles of the Atlantic, can only be imagined from the scant details of bearings now confirmed by the United States Ambassador to Brazil.

An even worse part of this story is that three other lifeboats, known to have 27 of the crew and eight passengers including three women and a child aboard, have not yet been found.

The Robin Moor is believed to have been sunk by a German submarine and should this also be true, it is likely to have worldwide repercussion.

RADIO MESSAGE

The news of the torpedoing originated in a radio message by

ROTARY CLUB ADDRESS:

H.K. ROTARIANS TAKEN ON MOTOR-TRIP THROUGH THE BALKANS BY B. E. SUGARS

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS ON HIS EXPERIENCES IN A MOTOR-TRIP THROUGH THE BALKANS IN 1938 was given yesterday to Hongkong Rotarians by Mr. B. E. Sugars, who made the interesting observation that the most pro-British country he and his wife visited during the tour seemed to him to be Turkey.

The trip, Mr. Sugars said, occupied 2½ months and was most carefully planned even to detail, being preceded with a six-weeks study of maps and town plans and available literature on the countries and peoples they were going to visit.

Roads ranged from fairly good to indifferent to very poor and at one stage they managed to cover but 50 miles in 8 hours. There were 24 punctures and tire bursts encountered in a trip of 8,700 miles, and the ironmongery collected in this manner formed an interesting souvenir. Mr. Sugars was able to show Hongkong Rotarians.

He and his wife never missed an opportunity to meet and eat with the people of the different countries and districts they visited and kept away from tourist hotels, the speaker said. Thus, they were able to see the Yugoslavia of pre-Ver-sailles maps.

It seemed as though the old countries that were formerly on the map were still alive, for the costumes and habits of the people showed where old Serbia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Croatia, Dalmatia, Austro-Hungary, Herzegovina, Slovenia and Turkey had been.

HAPPIEST COUNTRY

Albania seemed to him the happiest and most contented country in the world, the speaker continued, and the amazing generosity of the people was at times quite embarrassing. This seemed all the stranger for the fact that everyone seemed so near the poverty line. Yet, every man seemed to accept the tourist as his personal guest.

Every man carried a rifle and even the children possessed an assortment of firearms of all shapes and sizes.

The Greeks he found to be an easy-going people and not greatly interested in tourists. The most affable Greek he encountered was a cafe proprietor in Salonika who expressed great delight at the information that Mrs. Sugars's father had been in the British Army in Greece in 1917-18.

"SERGEANT SMITH"

Learning that Mrs. Sugars's maiden name had been Smith, he showed his great appreciation of this fact by putting his arms around her neck and exclaiming "Ah, zec, Sergeant Smith, he a verra good friend of my." Of course, Mr. Sugars added, he could have told the man there was more than one family of Smiths in England.

Relics of the British Army of 1917-18 in Greece were to be encountered in profusion in Salonika.

H.K.S.R.A. To Celebrate Centenary

The Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery is to celebrate its Centenary some time in October.

The corps originated in Hongkong in 1841, being then styled the "China Lascars." In 1881, a second company was raised, and ten years later the name was changed to "Hongkong Asiatic Artillery."

In 1898 the corps, became the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion Royal Garrison Artillery, with four companies in Hongkong and two in Singapore.

The present title, Hongkong-Singapore Royal Artillery, was authorised in 1934, the corps being recruited from Sikhs, Punjabis, Muslims and Jats.

The corps is commanded by British Officers of the Royal Artillery assisted by Indian officers holding the King's Commission.

TEA RECEPTION FOR LI SHIH-TSENG

The Hongkong Alumni Association of the National Peking University alumni in Hongkong will give a tea reception at Cafe Windsor at 4 p.m. today in honour of Mr. Li Shih-tseung, member of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee who returned here last Friday from a visit to Europe.

Mr. Li, who was formerly a professor of the University, will speak on his impressions of his

DONATIONS

NEW TERRITORIES RELIEF ASSCN.

Members of the Committee of the New Territories Relief Association beg to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks the following donations and gifts made during May 1941 towards the maintenance of the Clinics and Hospital operating in the New Territory villages.

Mr. Aw Boon Haw \$1,000, Mr. S. F. Balfour, District Officer South 500, Sir Elly Kadoorie and Sons 250, Hongkong Football Association 100, Mr. Tang Pak Kou 50, per Mr. Tang Pak Kou 70, Colonel Dowbiggin 10, Miss R. Rumjahn 5, Mr. Aw Boon Haw, one drum of vase-line; Mrs. Rouse one parcel of socks for babies; per Cheung Chau Elders (Cheung Chau Theatrical performance; part proceeds) \$2,000.

CASE RETURNS

The New Territories Relief Association Return of Cases for the month of May totalled 11,123, made up of 3,511 new and 7,550 old cases. In the same period the Ticker Balm Ambulance made 158 calls and carried 139 patients.

The Haw Par Accident Station treated a total of 1,387 cases of which 779 were new and 608 old. The Haw Par Hospital had 55 in-patients, of which 41 were adults, five infants and nine maternity.

Three Berl Berl and two Pellagra cases were treated during the month.

visit to Europe during the function. (Central)

Lawn Bowls Open Pairs Results

On the mainland, of the nine Lawn Bowls Open Pairs matches scheduled for yesterday, only three were played.

AT RECREIO

F. Nolan and B. Jilott lost to A. W. Smith and E. Curtis by 16 shots to 19; W. McNeil and P. A. Peckham beat R. Leigh and R. S. Meadow by 28 shots to 20.

AT KOWLOON F.C.

V. N. Allenza and V. Chittenden lost to A. J. L. Eastman and W. Simpson by 16 shots to 20; H. Drew and V. C. Dixon v. T. A. Madar and A. E. P. Guest (postponed).

AT KOWLOON DOCKS

H. White and A. J. Hall v. C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares, and J. Scornha and C. G. Silva v. E. Noronha and J. E. Henson (postponed).

AT KOWLOON C.C.

R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay v. A. Stevens and J. A. R. Selby (postponed).

AT KOWLOON B.G.C.

G. E. P. Thompson and E. V. Searle v. H. F. Shields and C. Hatt and E. A. Altken and J. G. Meyer v. E. Levett and H. Spong (postponed).

H.K. RESULTS

At Craigengower C.C.—C. W. Lam and N. P. Karamia beat W. K. Way and E. Zimmern by 25 to 21 shots.

At H.K. Football Club—N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan beat M. I. Razack and A. J. Coelho by 22 to 20 shots.

At Civil Service C.C.—G. Willerton and G. Davies beat K. W. Forrow and A. G. Gratian by 35 to 10 shots.

The matches between H. Nish and G. Sewell and E. G. Post and W. J. Cameron, and T. R. Hunter and L. Jack and J. W. Harrop and S. H. Marvin were not played.

Rinks For Week-End

The following are some Club selections for this week's Lawn Bowls League programme:

FIRST DIVISION

RECREIO "A"—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha, P. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, C. Rosa Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (skip).

RECREIO "B"—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. M. da Silva, J. J. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, J. C. Remedios, E. Souza, L. J. Silva (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

RECREIO "A"—A. J. Osmund, E. L. Barros, A. V. Barros, O. P. Remedios (skip); L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes, J. R. Soares (skip); A. P. Pereira, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios, C. C. Pereira (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

RECREIO "A"—E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); F. Sequeira, H. M. Xavier, A. P. Noronha, M. A. Carvalho (skip); G. A. Pinna, E. A. R. Alves, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

H.K.E.R.C.—W. E. Macfarlane, R. P. Gregory, A. G. Gardner, J. de Rome (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. P. Paul, J. K. Sloan (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, J. P. Barron, R. C. Butler (skip).

FLOODLIGHT BOWLS

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.E.R.C. in a floodlight bowls match on June 12 at 4 p.m. against the Society of Yorkshiremen. The game will be played at Ming Yuen.

J. R. Way, W. E. Bate, W. Stoker, J. K. Sloan (skip); R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, C. E. Gahagan, R. C. Butler (skip); W. E. Macfarlane, R. P. Gregory, A. G. Gardner, L. de Rome (skip).

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Royal Corps of Signals continued in winning vein when they trounced Royal Scots "B" to the tune of eight goals yesterday in a European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo tournament match played at the Army Pool.

Dignan, at forward for the winners, was a constant source of worry to the Scots' defence and Hunt, at centre-half for Signals, proved a tower of strength to the opposing forwards.

European Y.M.C.A. beat Small Units yesterday by two goals to nil at the latter's pool in the same tournament. Goal scorers were Goldman and Maynard.

The match between Middlesex "B" and 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. was postponed.

Middlesex "A" scored an easy victory over Navy "C" by five clear goals in a tournament match played yesterday at the Army Pool.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
MEETING.—Council of the Hongkong Football Association, at the Association's Office, 5.30 p.m.

TENNIS.—Third Division: C.R.C. (2) v. C.D.R., K.C.C. v. A.T.C., S.C.A.A. v. C.C.C., K.I.T.C. v. C.R.C. (1), I.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

TOMORROW
TENNIS.—Fourth Division: S.C. A.A. v. A.T.C., E.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1), C.C.C. v. C.B.A., P.O.R.C. (2) v. I.R.C., C.R.C. v. K.I.T.C.

WATER-POLO.—Royal Corps of Signals v. 36th Bty. R.A. (Navy pool), 6.15 p.m., Royal Navy "C" v. Combined Small Units (Navy pool), 5.30 p.m., Royal Scots "B" v. 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Army pool), 7 p.m., Royal Scots "A" v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (Army pool), 7.30 p.m., 965th Bty. R.A. v. European Y.M.C.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool), 7 p.m., Middlesex "A" v. Royal Navy "B" (Y.M.C.A. pool), 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
LAWN BOWLS.—Colony Open Pairs Championship, First Round.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Recreio "A" v. Indian R.C.; Craigengower v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B"; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. "A"; Police R.C. v. Recreio "B"; Civil Service v. Kowloon Docks R.C.; Second Division: Recreio v. Craigengower; Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon P.C.; Kowloon Tong v. Talcoo R.C.; Prison O.C. v. Hongkong F.C.; Third Division: Craigengower v. Police R.C.; Kowloon B.G.C. v. Hongkong C.C.; Kowloon F.C. v. Hongkong Electric; Indian R.C. v. Recreio.

LEAGUE TENNIS RESULTS

Splendid Win For Kowloon Tong

Playing at Sookunpoo yesterday in the Second Division of the Tennis League, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association gained a meritorious win over the Army Tennis Club by eight sets to one, the latter managing to halve two sets.

Capt. R. E. Guest and Lieut. J. C. L. Pearce (Army) lost to F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling 3-6; lost to H. T. Bee and Dr. P. P. Khoo 0-6; lost to E. Lee and C. C. Ma 3-6.

Capt. Head and Capt. P. J. A. Skipwith (Army) lost to Kwok and Ling 3-6; drew with Bee and Khoo 6-6; lost to Lee and Ma 3-6.

S/Sgt. J. Emberson and Sgt. J. Webb (Army) lost to Kwok and Ling 3-6; drew with Bee and Khoo 6-6; lost to Lee and Ma 3-6.

POINTS FOR C.R.C.

At Causeway Chinese Recreation Club beat Civil Service C.C. by seven sets to two.

Pang Oi-lam and Lu, Tak-lum (C.R.C.) beat I. Agafuroff and J. Bendall 6-3; beat B. Agafuroff and W. Skinner 6-1; beat M. Yatskin and T. Wardle 6-2.

D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.) beat Agafuroff and Bendall 6-0; beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6-4; beat Yatskin and Wardle 6-1.

S. W. Liang and W. C. Choy (C. R. C.) lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 4-6; lost to Agafuroff and Skinner 3-6; beat Yatskin and Wardle 6-0.

K.C.C. DEFEATED

South China A.A. trounced

Help Is Truly Deserved, Says George Fitch

"There is no place in the world where help is more needed, where our money will bring greater returns, where help is more truly deserved and appreciated than in China." These words came from MR. GEORGE A. FITCH, veteran "Y" worker who is now connected with the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of China Emergency Service to Soldiers.

Mr. Fitch, whose Samaritan refugee relief work in the erstwhile capital during and following the infamous Japanese sack of Nanking won international fame, made this statement in an appeal in connection with the United China Relief, Inc. campaign for U.S. \$5,000,000 for relief work in China.

The appeal made by Mr. Fitch who was last year decorated by the Ministry of Communications for special meritorious services, reads as follows:

"War is largely economic. For nearly four years China's resources have been drained and vast areas destroyed by relentless, utterly ruthless invaders. The misery and suffering of millions of her people is beyond words to describe. 'Yet China still fights on—still

K.C.C. by eight sets to one yesterday.

A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose (K.C.C.) lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Hok 5-7; beat W. H. Ho and K. C. Wan 6-4; lost to K. H. Ip and B. Szeto 6-1.

N. A. E. Mackay and F. Kengel-backer (K.C.C.) lost to Lee and Hok 3-6; lost to Ho and Wan 3-6; lost to Ip and Szeto 0-6.

F. Zimmern and D. H. Hazell (K.C.C.) lost to Lee and Hok 2-6; lost to Ho and Wan 5-7; lost to Ip and Szeto 3-6.

New Secretary For Tennis League

Mr. L. F. de Souza has been appointed Hon. League Tennis Secretary vice Mr. L. R. Idefonso, who has been transferred to Manila. Mr. Souza's address is: c/o Hongkong Football Association, Bank of Canton Building, Tel. 30751.

CHESS RESULT

In the Colony Junior Chess Championship yesterday, To Yulau beat A. Morton.

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FRESHNESS

LOW COST

ALL 3 IN

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ALLIED FORCES ADVANCING INTO SYRIA FROM THREE DIRECTIONS

Successful Crossing Of River Litani: Only Slight Resistance Met

CAIRO, June 10 (REUTERS).—THE ADVANCE NORTHWARD INTO SYRIA OF THE ALLIED FORCES, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australian and Indian troops, according to messages received here, is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani which might have been a serious obstacle.

Very few details are yet available here on the political aspect as to the French reaction, but it seems evident that resistance must have been slight so far.

The advance from Dera through the difficult Jebel Druz country is also progressing satisfactorily. This area is mostly composed in the south-east of lava beds and transport must needs keep to the tracks. But the Jebel Druzes have memories of ruthless repression and are believed to be pro-British.

The roads through Dera and Qunetra, both 40 to 50 miles from Damascus, converge on that city—the most important centre in Syria.

Sheikh-Miskine is half way between them.

Tyre is about 30 to 35 miles from Beirut and the Litani River is some ten miles to the north.

There is no evidence of German action.

BRITISH COMMUNIQUE

Progress of the British entry into Syria by the coast road from Tyre and beyond to general line inland is announced by a communique from British Middle East Headquarters yesterday evening.

The communique states: "Penetration of the Allied forces into Syria is progressing. By this morning they were beyond Tyre and later effected a crossing of the River Litani."

"On the right they have advanced beyond Lizzra-Sheikh-Miskine-Qunetra."

VICHY'S ADMISSION

VICHY, June 10 (Reuters).—The Vichy news agency states that Allied forces are advancing into Syria from three directions.

Two columns are converging on Damascus through Dera and Safed. The third is following the coast road to Beirut.

It is admitted that the coast advance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance "against the British and de Gaulle forces" the agency adds: "The British forces are now markedly superior, especially in armoured equipment. The difficulties of defending the territories of the Levant for an army which has only weak forces at its disposal are pointed out in Vichy."

The agency continues: "Supplying this army not only with arms and ammunition but with food and fuel is practically impossible."

OFFICERS DESERT

JERUSALEM, June 10 (Reuters).—A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops, and a number of others have ceased to fight.

A military spokesman here revealed that since Sunday afternoon, the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

Only scattered centres of resistance were encountered and the number of British casualties was negligible.

VICHY PROTEST

LONDON, June 10 (Reuters).—Satisfaction is expressed in official circles in London at the nature of the Vichy Government's protest which was handed to Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Ambassador in Madrid, complaining of the violation of Syria by British forces.

The note has now reached London and is under consideration.

ACTION JUSTIFIED

LISBON, June 10 (Reuters).—From a military standpoint, the British and Free French action in Syria is "absolutely justified and corresponds to the imperious exigency of the war."

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST

ENEMY AIRFIELDS BADLY DAMAGED

LONDON, June 10 (Reuters).—Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. carried out prolonged raids on Benghazi and Derna on Sunday night, states a communique from the R.A.F. Middle East headquarters.

These were followed at dawn by machinegun attacks on dispersed aircraft at Derna and Gazala, and on camp and motor transport concentrations near Martuba.

Considerable damage was caused to the airfields, six enemy aircraft being burned out at Gazala and a further eight being completely destroyed at Derna.

Many other enemy aircraft were badly damaged. Fires and explosions were caused at Benghazi as a result of the bombing raid, while at Derna several direct hits by high explosive bombs started large fires which were followed by explosions.

Two of our aircraft have so far failed to return to their base.

Italian War Losses During Last Month

LONDON, June 10 (Reuters).—The Italian G.H.Q. yesterday issued the following list of "confirmed losses" for the month of May:

Greece-Albanian and Albanian-Yugoslav fronts: 1,430 killed, 4,223 wounded and 223 missing.

Italy-Yugoslav front: 14 killed, 24 wounded.

North Africa: 329 killed, 752 wounded and 23,919 missing.

East Africa: 58 killed, 77 wounded and 2,354 missing.

Naval Forces: 38 killed, 187 wounded and 3,030 missing.

Air Forces: 79 killed, 41 wounded and 493 missing.

H.M.S. CALCUTTA AND TWO DESTROYERS LOST IN THE WITHDRAWAL FROM CRETE

LONDON, June 10 (Reuters).—The Admiralty announces that the anti-aircraft cruiser Calcutta and the destroyers Hereward and Imperial were lost during the withdrawal from Crete (making four cruisers and six destroyers lost on that occasion).

The communique which announces these losses states that the Hereward was last seen heading towards the coast after having been damaged by an enemy air attack.

The Italian High Command has announced that 229 survivors from this ship have been landed and are prisoners of war.

The Imperial had to be sunk by British forces after being damaged by an enemy air attack.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean has reported that when evacuation of the forces from Crete was completed, just over 17,000 men had been taken off the island. The withdrawal of troops from Crete had to be carried out from places with inadequate port facilities and which were within easy reach of enemy forces.

HEAVY AIR ATTACKS

The necessity for carrying out embarkations by night meant that each load of men had to be taken 360 miles to Egypt during the whole 14 hours of daylight. These voyages were carried out in the face of extremely heavy air attacks.

In the circumstances prevailing, it was impossible to assess with accuracy the damage inflicted on enemy aircraft by anti-aircraft fire, but it is known that many were destroyed and others damaged.

Naval aircraft also shot down four enemy aircraft and probably destroyed one other and damaged three.

During the withdrawal from Suda Bay, Royal Marines formed the rearguard. These men, who had been carrying out various duties as well as manning the anti-aircraft defences, were hastily formed into an infantry brigade under Major-General E. C. Weston, Royal Marines.

They fought with great gallantry and proved themselves worthy of the highest traditions of the Corps. It is known that a number of this brigade had to be left in Crete.

WAVELL'S MESSAGE

The following message was sent from General Sir Archibald Wavell to Major-General Weston on the night of May 31: "You know the heroic effort the Navy has made to rescue you. You will be able to get away most of those that still remain, but this is the last night the Navy can come. Please tell those that have to be left that the fight put up against such odds has won the admiration of us all and that every effort to bring them back is being made."

"General Freyberg has told me how magnificently your Marines have fought and of your own grand work."

"I have also heard of the heroic fight of young Greek soldiers."

"I send you all my grateful thanks."

ROYAL NAVY KEEPING WATCH ON GERMANS

ANKARA, June 10 (Reuters).—The British Navy is keeping a close watch to ensure that the Germans do not tow any small craft from the Dodecanese Islands to Syria. Germans here expect the British Navy to land forces on the Syrian coast, so far as is known naval activity has been confined to patrol work.

Sellers of afternoon newspapers were besieged by eager buyers for the developments in Syria have aroused tremendous interest in Turkey.

The Allied move is widely welcomed and it is hoped that the Allies will be able to settle the matter quickly.

It is generally considered that the Allies will do their utmost to avoid bloodshed and well-informed people think that the British will meet with little opposition, for the French troops in Syria are divided among themselves and their morale is low.

LONDON, June 10 (BWS).—It is understood in official Dutch circles here that President Roosevelt has invited Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard to spend a day with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt on the occasion of their forthcoming visit to the U.S.A. The invitation has been accepted.

UNITED STATES AND VICHY

American Attitude Still Unchanged

WASHINGTON, June 10 (Reuters).—After the conference between Mr. Henry Hays and Mr. Cordell Hull, it was learned at the State Department that Government found no evidence to warrant a change in its critical view of Franco-German collaboration.

As regards the British entry into Syria, it was pointed out in informed quarters that the French did not defend Syria against the Germans who are reported to have used it as a base for air operations against the British in Iraq.

The question now arises, according to these sources, as regards the French attitude towards the British.

Sunwui Magistrate Detained

SHUIKWAN, June 10 (Central).—Suspected of peculation and corruption, Li Mien-shen, Magistrate of Sunwui, has been detained by order of General Li Hon-wan, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. Li's arrest was effected by Mr. Li Yukun, Special Commissioner of the First Administrative District, and he will shortly be brought here to face trial of his charge.

During the past several months, General Li has taken stern disciplinary measures against several magistrates who have been found guilty of corruption.

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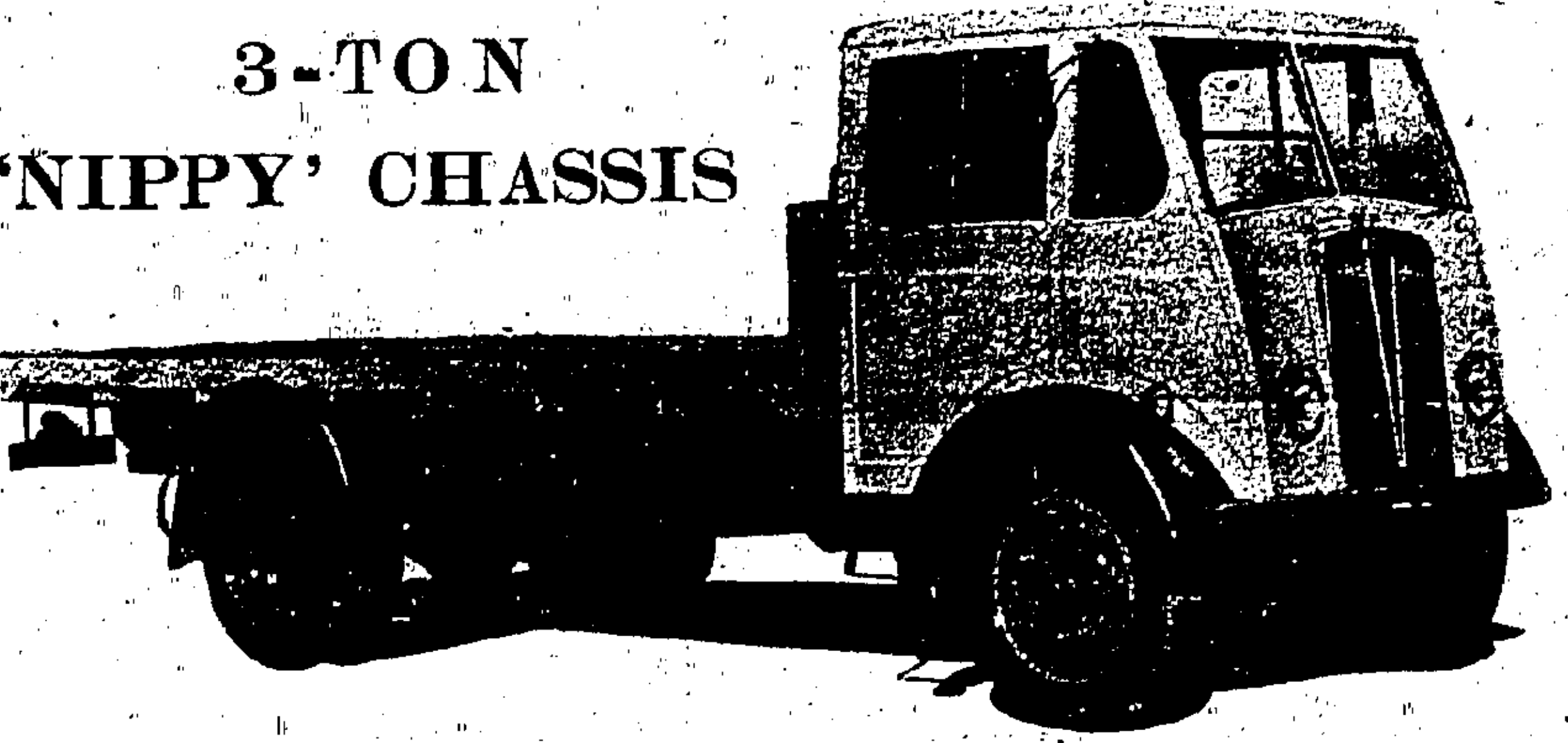
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S.C.A. Clerk Denies Asking For Dollar

That he definitely did not ask for \$1 before issuing the permit, was part of the evidence given by **LEWIS TANG**, 33, clerk at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, residing at No. 4, Bowrington Road, first floor, charged with having accepted a bribe of \$1 from a youth, Li Kang-ming, for the purpose of facilitating the issue to him of a firecracker firing permit on April 22.

The case was heard before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Tang was defended by Mr. C. A. Sutherland. The prosecution was conducted by Det.-Insp. J. O'Donovan, assisted by Insp. G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A.

Defendant was originally additionally charged, together with an office colleague, with having conspired together between Mar. 3 and Apr. 22 to accept bribes to serve the same purpose. Owing to lack of evidence, the charge was withdrawn by the prosecution, and both defendants discharged.

POLICE EVIDENCE

Insp. Moreton testified yesterday that on April 22 at 11.20 a.m., as a result of information received, in the company of complainant and a witness, Chiu Chuank, he went to the General Office of the S.C.A. There complainant pointed out defendant to him.

Witness informed defendant that he wished to search him, whereupon the latter produced his wallet, which he found to contain three \$10 notes and one \$5 note.

Witness then saw defendant put his right hand into his right hand trousers pocket and pull out, at the same time making a movement to the rear of his body.

Eventually, witness went behind defendant and there found a \$1 note folded up. He unravelled it and showed it to defendant.

After having taken defendant to the Police Station for further enquiries to be made, witness handed him and the note to Insp. O'Donovan. In defendant's presence, Insp. O'Donovan compared the number on the note with that copied down earlier in his pocket-book and found them to be identical.

DEFENDANT TESTIFIES

Defendant, in evidence, said that he had been a clerk-interpreter at the S.C.A. since 1935, now earning \$88 a month.

On the day in question, he was approached by complainant and a man applying for a permit, saying

that it was for an address in Hollywood Road. Since there were two areas in that road where firing crackers was prohibited, he told them off until he had enquired from his superior officer about the matter.

After a short while, the two approached him again and showed him a written application, from which he found out that it was for a house in Nam Chang Street and not in Hollywood Road as previously stated by them. He then immediately approved of the application.

Witness said that all the while, he not only did not ask, but never even thought of asking money for "cumshaw."

"TEA MONEY"

He further said that he did not notice how the \$1 note came to be on his desk, but he heard the man said this before the two left: "Here is your tea money."

When he found the \$1 there later, witness said that he left it there untouched awaiting returning to them, when they came back for the permit.

Hearing was adjourned to today, at 11 a.m.

SALES OF CHINESE WAR BONDS

In order to further push the sales of Chinese War Bonds it was decided, at the monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday, to organise teams of sellers.

A sub-committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Phillip Gock-chin, was formed for the purpose of going further into the matter.

It will be recalled that Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of the Hongkong branch of the Chinese War Bonds Committee, was recently the recipient of a telegram from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek commending him for his efforts in pushing the sales of these bonds in the Colony and urging him to continue such efforts.

SEQUEL TO ATTACK ON EDITOR

SHANGHAI, June 10 (Reuter).—A sequel to the attack by four Italians on George Leonof, the Soviet City Editor of the China Press on May 23, was heard in the Italian Consular Court today when Judge Rapek sentenced the ringleader to 30 days, or a fine of 1,500 lire and his three companions to 15 days, or a fine of 75 lire. All sentences were suspended for five years.

During the hearing, the ringleader said that although Shanghai was reputedly an international settlement it was actually run by British and Jews.

Alleging he was responsible for anti-Italian articles in the China Press, the Italians lured Leonof to a vacant ground in the French Concession and beat him up after he refused to drink a large dose of castor oil.

Two Alleged Pickpockets Are Given Rough Time

At 11.32 a.m. yesterday the shrill and continuous blasts of Police whistles could be heard in the vicinity of the Central Market, Des Voeux Road, above the din of tram gongs and the hooting of motor horns.

Arriving at the scene of the commotion, a reporter of the Hongkong Daily Press found two miserable-looking apologetic-looking Chinese in the tight grasp of a Chinese detective and an Inspector of the Hongkong Tramways, while a ferocious looking Chinese was loudly accusing them of having attempted to pick his pocket.

The two "captives" protested that they were the victims of a "beating up," but, alas, their protestations were met with a rough shaking-up at the hands of the said Inspector of the Tramways and the admonition to "fight up at the Police Station."

According to some of those who formed the large crowd gathered around, the two "culprits" were roughly handled by some eight or ten men.

The last seen of the men were their being led up to the Station followed by a crowd of approximately 50 persons.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM FOR RENTS

JUDGMENT AWARDED TO PLAINTIFFS

Judgment by default in the absence of the defendants was given to plaintiffs by Mr. Justice P.E.F. Cressall at the Summary Court yesterday in an action claiming the sum of \$280 as two months' rents due and owing.

The plaintiffs, represented by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, were Chiu Seng-chan, merchants, of No. 91 Connaught Road West, ground floor, who brought the action against the Nam Shing Company, merchants, of No. 147 Connaught Road West, first floor.

The amount claimed was for two months' rents due from Feb. 26 to April 25 in respect of the first floor of No. 91 Connaught Road West possession of which had duly been delivered up by defendants in accordance with notice to quit given by plaintiffs on Mar. 19 which expired on April 25.

Sum Yiu-cheong, manager of plaintiff firm, said they were the principal tenant of the first and ground floors of No. 91 Connaught Road West. The first floor was sub-let to defendants at \$140 per month.

His Lordship awarded plaintiffs judgment with costs.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on June 9:—Cerebro-spinal Fever, two cases; Cholera, six cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, 14 cases; Measles, three cases; Tuberculosis, 71 cases.

Round The Police Courts AT CENTRAL

EUROPEAN VAGRANTS

An Irish and a Polish seamen appeared separately before Mr. Lowry yesterday on vagrancy charges.

Defendants were Reginald Bernard Pitt, 24, of Ireland, and August Stefanovsky, 30, of Poland.

Regarding Pitt, Sgt. G. F. Youe, of the Special Branch, said that he was an ex-member of the crew of a British ship, which had left Hongkong. Sometime ago he had trouble with the master of the ship and was sentenced to two weeks at Stanley Prison. He was released recently and was now a destitute in the Colony.

He was committed to the House of Detention pending future arrangements.

Stefanovsky, who was stated to be an ex-fireman on board a Greek ship, which sailed for England last month, was ordered to be expelled.

THEFT OF WOOD

Chan So, 27, and Wong Chun, 40, both unemployed, and of no fixed abode, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday with stealing five planks of wood valued at \$5, and 110 cabbles of wood worth \$3, from outside A. R. P. Tunnel No. 13 on the hillside off Electric Street on June 9 respectively.

Both pleaded guilty. Defendants who each admitted one previous conviction were sentenced to two months' hard labour each.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

STOLE A. R. P. PROPERTY

For stealing three wooden doors and one wooden window, the property of the A. R. P. Authorities, from an incendiary bomb demonstration hut at Morrison Hill on June 9, Chan Kau, 27, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Defendant admitted one previous conviction.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN

The charge of having received a \$10 dance coupon of Cathay Ballroom on April 14, knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained from Kiu Hung, 20, woman, of Room 310, St. Francis Hotel, against Wong Fuk-cheung, 28, salesman, Chan So, 30, teacher, and Wong Wing-hin, 22, salesman, was withdrawn by the prosecution yesterday when defendants appeared before Major A. N. Macfadyen for remand.

In asking for the withdrawal of the charge, Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the prosecution, said that one of the witnesses, who ought to have returned from Shanghai, had not arrived yet, and moreover, there was no prospect of her ever returning.

Defendants, who were on \$500 bail each, were represented by Mr. K. F. Wong.

POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

Chan Lit-ye, 31, manager of the Fu On Cargo Agency, 27, Des Voeux West, was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday for unlawful possession of 50 rounds of rifle ammunition at the above address on June 9.

The munitions were ordered to be confiscated. Defendant, earlier pleaded that the ammunition was left at his premises by the master of a certain junk, who had since left the Colony, and that he did not know that it was illegal.

Det. Sub-Insp. R. R. McEwen prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

FIREWOOD PROFITEER

For selling 93 cabbles of split firewood for \$3.10 to Yau Kui, married woman, of No. 4, Sai Yee Street, which is in excess of the price fixed by Government, Luk Hon-kwong, 30, master of Yuen Lee Firewood Shop, Lot 154, Prince Edward Road was fined \$100 or one month's hard labour by Mr. D.J.N. Anderson yesterday.

Sub-Insp. Collins prosecuted.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

An Indian Police Constable B27, Amar Singh, was remanded one week by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Accused was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding Addit Singh in Kowloon on June 8.

Chief Det.-Insp. A.E. Carey is in charge of the case.

FALSE PRETENCES

Chong Hak-sam, 26, unemployed, was fined \$100 or two months' hard

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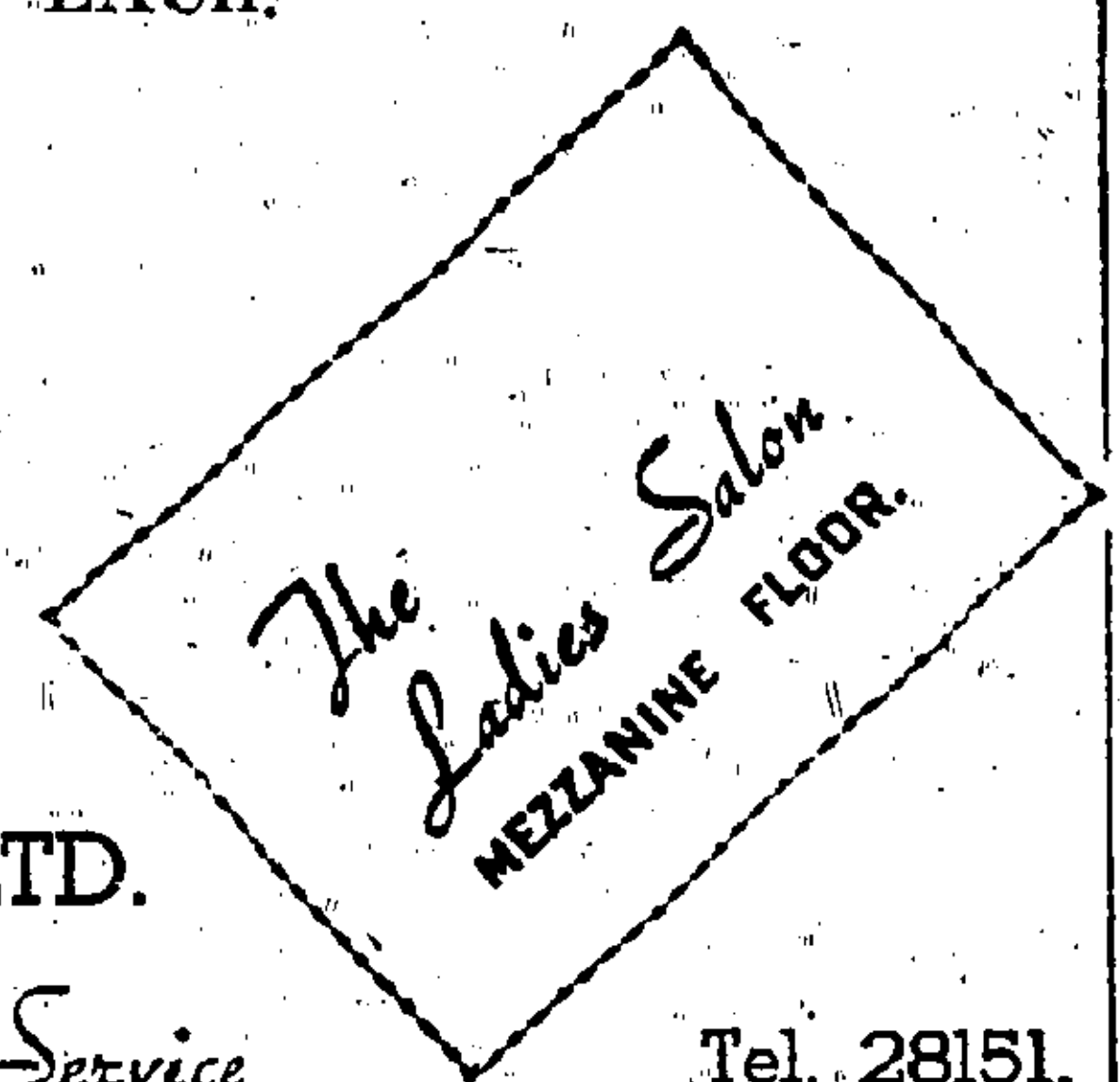
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Indian P.C. Gaoled For Using Red-hot Iron Bar On Fellow Constable

Sentence of three months' imprisonment was imposed by Mr. D. J. Anderson yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy, on Police Constable B452, **ABDUL KARIM**, 23, who was found guilty on a charge of unlawfully and maliciously wounding P.C. B436, Sher Afzal, with a red-hot iron bar at the Argyle Street Internment Camp.

Refugees In The Colony

A decrease of 19 is recorded in the number of refugees, and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in urban and rural areas, during the week ended on June 7.

Urban Areas:—King's Park—1,387 against 1,387 on May 31. Ma Tau Chung—1,954 against 1,968 on May 31. North Point—1,531 against 1,537 on May 31. Morrison Hill—511 against 509 on May 31.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps):—Tai Hang—2,546 against 2,546 on May 31. Ngau Tau Kok—808 against 811 on May 31.

Rural Areas:—Kam Tin—2,786 against 2,785 on May 31. Fanling Children's Camp—375 against 372 on May 31. Total—11,896 against 11,915 on May 31.

SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL

Inquiries made by the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday elicited the information that Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall is confined to bed, and has been forbidden by his medical advisers to even answer the telephone.

Sir Robert is suffering from a slight breakdown as the result of overwork.

Sir Robert, however, hopes to be up and about again within the next few days.

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BOWL OF RICE CAMPAIGN

Offers amounting to 8,000 bowls of rice have been received by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, said Mr. H. Y. Tso, the General Secretary, in an interview yesterday.

The object of the Bowl of Rice Campaign, organised by the China Defence League, was to obtain offers for 10,000 bowls for which tickets at \$2 each will be sold. Due to a slight hitch in the arrangements with the restaurant owners, said Mr. Tso, it is very likely that the campaign will be delayed.

Personally, he said, he was optimistic as to the success of the Campaign as he could not see why the local public would not respond to the appeal as enthusiastically as they did in America and Europe.

D. O. SOUTH

BARBED WIRE THEFT

Lau Sun, a nightsoil cooler, appeared on remand before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday charged with unlawful possession of two rolls of barbed wire at Castle Peak Road, near the Lai Chi Kok Hospital, on June 3.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman said that defendant was seen by an Indian constable carrying the two baskets. When asked by the constable what the baskets contained, accused replied, "Rags."

On being challenged the second time defendant dropped the baskets and ran off. He was chased

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of June, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4302	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4302, Cheung Sha Wan, between Heung Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 41,276	758	30,956

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,096.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	4303	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4303, Cheung Sha Wan, between Heung Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 4,960	93	3,720

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$372.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th JUNE, 1941, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th. April, 1941.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th. day of June, to WEDNESDAY, the 11th. of June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong: 29th. May, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	4304	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2836, between Cheung Sha Wan and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 5,656	93	4,011

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Weddings At Registry

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating—

Mr. George Luke, clerk, of No. 369 Hennessy Road, and Miss So Yin-hing, residing at the Luk Kwok Hotel;

Mr. Chi Jui-kuang, accountant, of No. 30 Yik Yam Street, second floor, and Miss Chan Lai-hing, of No. 67 Hill Road, second floor;

Mr. Lo Kwan-pui, sailor, of No. 29 Temple Street, and Miss Leung Sui-chun, of No. 107 Cheung Sha Wan Road;

Mr. Cheung Yau-kwong, preacher, of No. 41 Pitt Street, third floor, and Miss Lo Fo-mui, of the same address.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday—
Mr. Ng Chow-kun, merchant, of No. 13 Cumberland Road, and Miss Beatrice Moon-ye, student, of No. 83 Jaffe Terrace;

Mr. Han Sui-fai, leading telegraphist, H. K. R. N. V. R., of No. 33 Tung Choi Street, first floor, and Miss Lai Sok-ye, of No. 3 Cheong Lok Street, second floor.

STRAITS OF DOVER AIR ACTIVITY

LONDON, June 10 (B.W.S.)—An official communique states: "During daylight yesterday there was some activity over the Straits of Dover and near the coast of Kent and also over coastal districts in South and South-West England. Up to 8 p.m. there were no reports of bombs dropped.

In engagements with out fighters protecting shipping in the Straits several enemy fighters were seen to be hit and damaged but owing to poor visibility destruction cannot be confirmed. One of our fighters was lost."

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U.S. REBUFF FOR JAPAN

JAPAN'S anxiety vis-a-vis American policy in the Pacific has resulted in yet another so-called "peace" move by Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, who appears to have been busily engaged in attempting to sound Government reaction in that country to a pact of non-aggression and neutrality with the Japanese. Despite the fact that the report of this "peace" move was officially denied by President Roosevelt, Admiral Nomura's activity in this direction, obviously on instructions from his Government, seems to have come to the knowledge of several close observers of the trend of relations between Japan and the United States. For some time now Japan has been seeking to induce the American Government to revise its policy in the Pacific and there is no doubt that any such agreement to improve prevailing conditions between the two countries will be welcomed in Tokyo. The fact that Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, found it necessary to reiterate his Government's policy in the Pacific, when questioned on the report of Admiral Nomura's activity, makes it likely that the United States administration has not been unaware of Admiral Nomura's hopes and that he took the opportunity to publicly give Japan a hint that any such peace feelers can have no chance of success so long as the Japanese remained tied to the apron strings of the European dictators and try to emulate their tactics of aggression.

THIS is not the first time that Japan has attempted to soft-soap the United States into resuming normal relations with the Far Eastern aggressors. A previous offer of the same kind purported to set out the kind of world in which the United States would be permitted to share in return for American recognition of the "new orders" in Europe and Asia. Unfortunately for Japan and her European partners, the people of the United States are today fully alive to the fact that the present struggle, which was initiated by Germany, is being consciously directed against the liberties of the American people and that success for the Axis Powers will mean that Britain and the United States will be left with an empty shell in which individual rights and national independence and security will have to be surrendered to the forces of might. Japanese overtures, therefore, however tempting and conciliatory they may be made to appear to the United States, will never be entertained for a moment until the cause which the American people have determined to support to the best of their ability has been won unconditionally and the permanent peace of the world thus guaranteed. JAPAN now realises that bound as she is in the Axis, she might find it increasingly difficult to avoid

NAZI MILITARY STRATEGY IS JUST AN EXTENSION OF POLITICAL TECHNIQUE

"Nazi military strategy is just an extension of their political technique, but there is an analogy between the methods adopted," said MAJOR LEWIS HASTINGS, B.E.C. military commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the Nazi methods of combining military and political tactics.

"On the political side, look at the way in which the Nazis overran and absorbed in succession Austria, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria," continued Major Hastings. "By a combination of promises, threats and acts of treachery, each country was outflanked and isolated until they had no weapons left."

NAZI BACTERIA
"This is the first method of the Nazis. Actually military force is not brought into play until the last stage. This is typical of what the Nazis have done in the French Colonial Empire."

"When France collapsed, Herr Hitler set himself to weaken the morale and spirit of Colonial France and last week Syria looked like dropping into his lap. The country was already swarming with Nazi bacteria and in another week, perhaps, the whole place would have been occupied to be used as a base for action against us. There, then, is the reason for our advance into this country."

"The word I find most suited to this method is 'liquefaction,'" continued Major Hastings. "The immense increase in speed and firepower of modern inventions have influenced strategical steps and tactics in the field. The whole picture of the battlefield today is changed radically."

PAST TACTICS
Major Hastings declared that in struggles of the past, the central scheme had always been a front line upon which the main effort of attack and defence was made. Today the front line had ceased to exist. In the last war the scheme adopted was defence in depth and the triumph of the British tank attack in 1918 was a tribute to the example of mechanised weight and speed in destroying this time-honoured formula.

"In this war we have mainly seen the break down of systems of defence," said Major Hastings. "Panzer columns, having broken through the French lines, the Germans advanced deep into enemy country, but the Germans knew that if this was unsupported, even this massive weapon of war would be brought to a stand-

being called upon to fulfil the terms of the pact, which she was so fool-hardy as to enter with the leaders of aggression in Europe. American policy which has so often been reaffirmed in no uncertain words has made it clear that her prospect of emerging successfully from embroilment in a major war with the Democracies is most remote—hence, her desperate endeavours to prevail upon the United States, who will be her most formidable opponent in such a conflict, to agree to "lay-off" from active participation against her. It is inconceivable that Japan can hope to convince the United States or any member of the Democratic front that the transition from freedom to slavery will be painless and that such a future holds any bright prospects for them! Yet this is just what Japan's "peace" feelers amount to and that is just why her attempts to prevent coals of fire from heaping on her head will prove futile. The A.B.C. of Democracy (America, Britain and China) know exactly where they stand in regard to the aggressors of the west and the east and they have made up their minds that only their complete elimination can restore the world and civilisation to that state where they can no longer be menaced.

DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHWEST

Hopes that by utilising the idle capital in Shanghai and Hongkong and in collaboration with the industrialists in Shensi, a large scale industrial concern will be established for the development of the vast untapped resources in that province were expressed in an interview by Mr. Yu Ya-ching, prominent Shanghai businessman and Chinese councillor of the Shanghai Municipal Council, who returned here a few days ago from Chungking.

Mr. Yu arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai last March and went to Chungking towards the end of April. After a brief visit in the wartime capital where he interviewed Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, he proceeded to the Northwest on an economic inspection tour.

Questioned about his tour, Mr. Yu said it was successful and he was deeply impressed by the rich resources in that region which include coal, iron, cotton and wool. Mr. Yu has been busy consulting economic and industrial leaders

NEWSETTES

Mr. William Alexander Elliot, R.N., formerly of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Shanghai, is reported to have been killed in action.

It was decided at the monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the annual meeting of the Chamber will be held on Friday, June 20.

Mr. M. K. Wong's talk to the Hongkong Y's Men's Club on "Origin of Chinese Poetry," which was scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday), has been postponed, it being the King's Birthday.

After a very brief illness, Miss V. G. Jacques passed away at the P.U.M.C. Hospital, Peiping on May 26. She came to China in 1916 under the auspices of the English Baptist Mission, and proceeded to Talyuan, Shansi, where she laboured in the Women's Hospital for 25 years.

Sergeant W. H. Balcock, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, who is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Balcock of Lincoln, was married on June 4 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, to Miss Sophie Koussis, daughter of the late Mr. T. Koussis and Mrs. Koussis of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Association of the National Peking University Alumni will give a tea reception at Cafe Windsor today at 4 p.m. in honour of Mr. Li Shih-tseng, member of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee, who returned here last Friday from a visit to Europe. Mr. Li, formerly a professor of the University, will speak on his impressions of his visit to Europe.

The death occurred on May 27, at the Paulun Hospital, Shanghai, of Oscar Martinez Oliveira, aged 59 years. A Requiem Mass was held on May 23, at the Church of Christ the King, Rue Bourgeat, and was followed by burial at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

The death occurred on May 20, at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Shanghai, of Francisco Xavier dos Remedios, aged 78 years. A Requiem Mass was held at St. Joseph's Church, Rue Montauban, on May 23, and was followed by burial at the Palsienjao Cemetery.

The death occurred on May 29, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of Mrs. Lena Brook. The funeral (cremation) took place at the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel, on May 23.

The death occurred on May 30, at her residence in Shanghai, of Liza Maria Carneiro Marques, aged 46 years, wife of Mr. F. T. Marques.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Richard T. D. Ledward, youngest son of the late Lieut.-Colonel Harold Ledward and Mrs. Ledward of The Vale House, Bowdon, Cheshire, England, and Sylvia Josephine Watson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Watson, of Harbin, Manchoukuo.

The death occurred on May, 27, at the Shanghai General Hospital, of Arnaldo Augusto das Caldas, aged 29 years. A Requiem Mass was held on May 31, at the Church of Christ the King, Rue Bourgeat, and was followed by burial at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

The death occurred on February 28, at Redhill, Surrey, of Phyllis Maria, wife of Mr. Arthur W. Slater, mother of Marian Elizabeth and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rose, of Forest Hill. Laid to rest at Redhill Cemetery on Wednesday, March 5.

JAPANESE-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT

TOKYO, June 10 (reuter)—Referring to the negotiations with Russia, a deputy spokesman at the Press conference this morning said it would possibly take some time to settle technical questions before the conclusion of a trade agreement with Russia.

Negotiations for the conclusion of the Permanent Fishery Treaty between Japan and Russia are also progressing, added the spokesman.

here on the project in the past two days. He expects to tour the Southwest after remaining here for about two months.

Should War Move To The Far East—

SINGAPORE, June 10 (Reuter)—Should the war move to the Far East, the White Ensign will again fill the horizon here, said VICE-ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, broadcasting to the Navy from the Singapore radio station.

ORDER AGAINST FASCIST ORGANISATIONS

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—A number of Fascist organisations figure in the list of eight companies in respect of which Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, has made orders applying to the defence regulations.

A Home Office announcement regarding each concern says that Mr. Morrison is satisfied that persons in control of the organisation named "have had sympathies with the system of government of a Power with which Britain is at war, and that there is danger of the utilisation of the organisation for a purpose prejudicial to the efficient prosecution of the war."

Among the organisations named are the East London Blackshirt Limited, British Union District Formations Limited and several publishing firms.

INTENSE A.A. FIRE

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—R. A. F. bombers encountered intense anti-aircraft fire and fought several engagements with enemy fighters in daylight yesterday, when they made widespread attacks on enemy shipping off the coasts of Norway, Holland and Belgium.

The Air Ministry stated that two R. A. F. heavy bombers successfully beat off an attack by six enemy fighters.

They shot down one fighter and damaged others, one of which caught fire. (The R. A. F. lost four bombers in these operations.)

A German bomber was shot down into the sea off the West coast of England this morning.

Adm. Layton added that in that event, the Fleet Air Arm will be here too. Preparations for its arrival have long been in hand and naval aircraft could operate from Singapore tomorrow if necessary.

CONSTANT STREAM

Besides a constant stream of military and semi-military equipment and reinforcements of personnel from the United Kingdom, India, Australia and Malaya are receiving "very material assistance" from the American way of fighters and medium and heavy bombers and a wide variety of supplies under the Lease and Lend Act.

Adm. Layton added that they have taken account of every possible contingency so far as local defence is concerned. The naval base is ready momentarily to cope with any fleet likely to require its hospitality or assistance.

PREMIER AND HESS

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, again refused to be drawn on the subject of Herr Hess when questioned in the House of Commons.

In reply to a long question, notably whether Hess had brought any proposals, Mr. Churchill said: "I have no statement to make about this person at present, but the British Government, of course, has kept the United States Government informed on the subject of his flight to Britain."

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter)—Today's military communiqué states that in the Tobruk area two enemy aircraft were shot down by our ground defences on Saturday night and one enemy tank was put out of action by British artillery. The advance of two British columns on Jimma in Abyssinia is progressing.

RICE MONOPOLY SCHEME

Government Should Take Over All Imports But Leave The Selling To Those Who Know The Entire Trade

BY OUR STAFF REPORTER

CO-OPT EXPERT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

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The following recommendations have, the Hongkong Daily Press learns, been submitted to Government:

(1) Government should immediately conduct a thorough investigation into the stocks of rice being kept in the godowns as RESERVE, as some very interesting disclosures might come to light.

(2) Government should immediately co-opt the services of a RICE EXPERT, or a RECOGNISED SURVEYOR, on its Board of Directors.

(3) Government should SELL TO RETAILERS, through the wholesalers, as was done in 1919.

(4) Government should confine the local market to FOUR GRADES of rice, at prices ranging from \$15 PER PICUL DOWN TO \$10 PER PICUL, and to prohibit the sale of a fifth quality.

(5) Prices, both wholesale and retail, to be fixed by Government and STRICTLY ENFORCED. Dealers found selling above these prices, or in possession of a fifth grade, to be liable to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT. The licence to be cancelled, not merely suspended.

(6) Wholesalers to be allowed a profit of TEN CENTS per picul, and retailers 55 CENTS.

(7) All wholesalers to purchase from Government on the CASH BASIS, but to sell to retailers on the existing terms, namely, TEN DAYS' CREDIT.

(N.B.—This credit to retailers is necessary as the wholesalers claim, and correctly so, that the withdrawal of credits from the retailers would result in chaos as ALL THE RETAIL STORES are ONLY able to carry on because of the credit facilities granted them.)

(8) All wholesalers to be given the opportunity of accepting Government's offer to act as Government's agents ON GOVERNMENT'S TERMS; and

(9) The export of rice to be conducted EXCLUSIVELY BY GOVERNMENT.

547 KILLED IN ALEXANDRIA

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter)—The number of people killed in the German raid on Alexandria on Saturday night was 410.

Thirty-one persons were injured.

In the previous raid on Wednesday last, 147 persons were killed and 92 injured.

It is estimated that 20,000 people have been accommodated in schools in Cairo, which have been commandeered for them.

MORE U.S. SHIPS FOR DEFENCE

It was announced in Washington yesterday that the United States Government had taken over ten cargo vessels belonging to the South Pacific Steamship Company for defence purposes.

According to a report reaching America, the Mexican Government has ordered the detention of 500 members of the crews of Axis ships which have been seized by the Mexican Government.

SIMLA, June 10 (Reuter)—A delegation of the Indian Government is proceeding to Burma today to discuss problems in relation to Indian immigration into Burma. The Indian Government does not desire to flood Burma with Indians.

Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, left for Hongkong by plane yesterday morning. After a brief stay in the British Colony, he will return to Chungking, says Central News.

"In my opinion, Government should do what its predecessors did in 1919," said a well-known businessman, when discussing the proposed Government Rice Monopoly scheme with the Hongkong Daily Press, "and that is, to take over all the imports but leave the selling to those who know the trade inside-out."

"In 1919, the rice situation here got real bad—in fact, so bad that there were riots every day. People were starving and yet Government did nothing except to fix the prices at a level beyond the reach of the poorer classes. After a campaign conducted by, I think, your newspaper, Government finally introduced, on August 28, the Rice Ordinance, 1919, which passed its second and third readings a fortnight later."

GOVERNMENT POWERS

"This Ordinance gave Government the necessary powers to TAKE OVER ALL THE RICE STOCKS IN THE COLONY, ELIMINATED ALL THE IMPORTERS, BUT KEPT THE WHOLESALESALE AND RETAILERS IN TRADE. Among the numerous clauses in this Ordinance were, I remember, one which stated that Government should not make a profit on the total proceeds of all sales of rice. Another provided for standard Government qualities; a third made it an offence to sell rice purporting to be of standard Government quality when it was not, and another, prohibited the mixing of different qualities of rice and their mixture with any foreign substance."

"Provisions were also made for the imposition of heavy fines on offenders."

DAUGHTER FOR COL. PEAKE

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—Lieutenant-Colonel Peake, known throughout the Arab world as Peake Pasha, has announced the birth of a daughter.

He was the commanding officer of the Arab Legion and Director of Public Security in Transjordan from its inception in 1922 until he retired in 1937.

N.E.I. PRIZE COURT

Hungarian Ship Captured

BATAVIA, June 10 (Reuter)—The recently instituted N.E.I. Prize Court will soon deal with the case of the Hungarian 4,323-ton steamer Nuygat, which was captured in the Timor Sea by the Netherlands destroyer, Kortenaer, and brought up to Sourabaya.

As the Netherlands' diplomatic relations with Hungary were severed on June 4, the Nuygat is considered an enemy ship and all the more reason for it is being detained as the pro-Nazi captain did not intend to bring the ship to the harbour mentioned in the ship's papers but to a neutral or other port contrary to allied interests.

Its load consisted of flour from and destined for British firms which, after detention, was sold in Sourabaya in agreement with the owners.

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declared that should negotiations break down completely, "it will mean the first gun has been fired in the war of Japan against the United States and Britain in the Pacific."

The paper further stresses that the Netherlands' Government in London and the fate of Holland are linked inseparably with Britain's and declares it is inevitable, under the circumstances, the N.E.I. should tie itself with the United States, Australia and Singapore in the Pacific.

The MIYAKO SHIMBUN blames the United States on the Batavia outcome and advises the Government to deal first with America if she wants to establish a co-prosperity sphere.

Asked why he recommended that wholesalers should be permitted to remain in business, our informant said: "The retailers are entirely dependent on the wholesalers."

CREDIT SYSTEM

"You must understand that the rice business in Hongkong is carried on entirely on the credit system. Every wholesaler is capitalised at over one lakh of dollars, while the retailers have only capitals ranging from a few hundred dollars to five or ten thousand."

"These retailers buy from the wholesalers on credit and could, therefore, afford to keep a good stock of rice. If they have to buy for cash, which they would have to do when they buy from Government, they would only purchase just what they could afford to pay for, which might be only sufficient for a couple of days' sales."

"Then there are the grocery stores, which buy only five to ten bags at a time. These people are small buyers, but even then they only buy on credit."

"Yes, it is no use saying that the wholesalers deserve no pity—that they have made their pile—and that to keep them on would mean the addition of a few cents to the price."

RECENT OUTCRY

"I hold no brief for the wholesalers. But I do think that if the retailers are permitted to continue, the wholesalers should not be eliminated. The recent outcry against profiteering and mixing was NOT directed against the wholesalers, who, incidentally, only acted as middlemen."

"They purchase their stocks in the original packings and re-sell them, at a small margin of profit, in the same packing. If you have ever been inside a wholesale 'hong,' you will find that the bags of rice are piled tight up to the top and that there is scarcely any place where the rice could be mixed."

"As to the additional ten cents, well, if Government could allow the retailers 57 cents profit on every picul of Burma rice, surely another ten cents would not make much difference. If it does, why not reduce the retailers' profits by ten cents?"

"Yes, sir, I can foresee another helluva mass if Government become wholesalers as well as importers and exporters."

GOVERNMENT BLUNDER

Asked as to what he attributed the recent chaotic conditions in the market, our informant replied: "Government's blundering methods."

Amplifying his statement, he said: "When the wholesale and retail prices were fixed, Government forgot to fix the selling prices for the importers with the result that, while the wholesalers were forced to sell at \$14.40 per picul (and the retailers at \$15), the importers were selling at \$18 to \$20 per picul!"


"THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE 'BLACK MARKET' AND MIXING, WHICH WERE SO PREVALENT DURING APRIL AND MAY."

"Another mistake was the appointment of persons who were unsuited for the job as Rice Controllers. What Government should have done was to appoint a qualified surveyor—a man who could, at least, tell the difference between Grade I and Grade II rice and who knew something about the market."

ASKING FOR TROUBLE

"Then there was the haphazard method in which the different qualities of rice were classified for the purpose of price control. To just slam down four or five prices on to the market was to ask for trouble—and Government got it by the carload."

"If Government is to continue with its present policy of muddling through, we will just get a repetition of 1919—only on a much larger scale, as we have now over one million persons against the former seven-hundred-thousand."



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DEBATE IN COMMONS ON DEFENCE OF CRETE

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heavily on the shoulders of Australian and New Zealand troops.

The debate was opened by MR. LEES-SMITH (Labour) who said that he would be surprised if there was any rancour in the ensuing discussion.

The evacuation of Crete, he said, has given the enemy considerable freedom of action in the Aegean and Dardanelles and—more important—would limit the action of the British fleet in preventing supplies for panzer divisions crossing the Mediterranean from Sicily.

VITAL INTERVAL

The public are asking why the aerodromes in Crete were not enlarged and fortified and new ones built in the seven months at the Allies' disposal. Moreover, there was a vital interval of 48 hours after the withdrawal of the British air force before air support came from Egypt, while if 20,000 Cretans had been supplied with arms, they would have been an immense accession to strength.

Alluding to Marshal Goering's order to the Luftwaffe, after the capture of Crete, that "the capture of Crete has shown that there are no unconquerable islands," Mr. Lees-Smith said that what happened in Crete could have no parallel in an attack on Britain, though the Cretan experience had demonstrated the possibility of the Germans establishing forces in southern Ireland.

TRENCHANT CRITIC

The former War Minister, Mr. Hore-Bellish, was the first trenchant critic, says Reuter. He charged Government with imperfect assessment of probabilities in the past and ineffective preparation. The British Fleet relied solely upon Alexandria as a base in the Eastern Mediterranean, and there was lack of a safe alternative harbour near Italian waters.

Crete, in British hands, was a great protection to Imperial forces in the Western Desert, but in enemy hands, it offers a serious menace to them. One-hundred more Hurricanes would have enabled us to break the enemy's communication in Greece. But no adequate methods of defending Cretan aerodromes were instituted.

If the land and sea commanders had complete control in Crete, it

was conceivable that they would not have made provision for the support required for their operations. In construction and repairs of aerodromes, the Germans have a more speedy procedure than we employ.

Mr. Hore-Bellish advocated the establishment of a well organised corps of the air force for this purpose. In strategy, he declared, we have not adjusted ourselves to the tempo or resources of the enemy.

The Liberal spokesman, Sir Percy Harris, asked for closer association of Dominion statesmen in the direction of the war. Crete was not too serious a setback.

Sir Percy remembered some defeats during the last war when setbacks were ten times larger than anything that has happened in the last 12 months.

RUTHLESS EFFICIENCY

The feminine viewpoint was expressed by the Conservative, Mrs. Rathbone, who declared: "We can and must be capable of ruthless efficiency. This is not the eleventh hour but half past the eleventh hour."

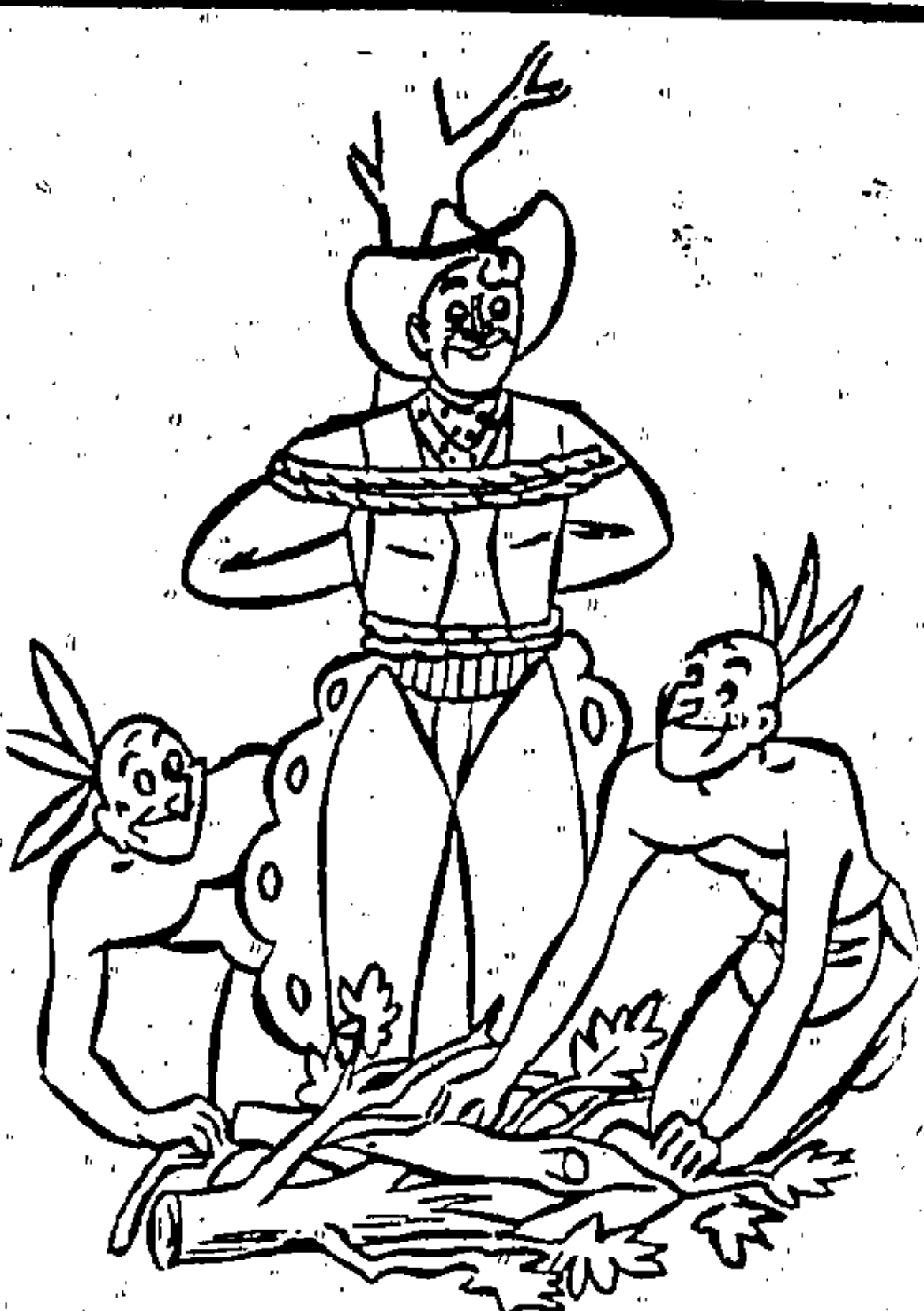
The well-known publicist, Mr. Beverley Baxter, asked for a directorate of Empire men and suggested Mr. Churchill, Field-Marshal Smuts, Mr. R. G. Menzies and General MacNaughton, of the Canadians, as a non-Ministerial directorate to advise on strategy.

A PROPHECY

The Conservative, Colonel J. R. J. Macnamara, embarked on a prophecy. He was sure that Hitler would make a peace drive which would fail and he would try to liquidate the second front in the Balkans. "But he does not want to have to face the bombing of Germany which he knows is coming next winter, and would attempt an invasion of Britain before then," he added.

He would make the invasion by a circling movement through Spain to Africa and northwards to Greenland, Iceland, the Faroes, Hebrides and Ireland, then direct to Britain with simultaneous blows at every single aerodrome as a preliminary to an attempt to land airborne troops—perhaps 60,000 at one sortie.

We should have to think in more modern terms than at present and Col. Macnamara was absolutely certain we could do it.



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CHINA EMPORIUM

\$2,500,000 ROBBERY IN SHAI POST OFFICE

One of the largest and most daring robberies ever to be committed in Shanghai occurred on May 31 at about 9.30 a.m. when two men, one of them said to be Chinese, and the other a Japanese, stole \$2,500,000 from the General Post Office in North Soochow Road and decamped with the entire sum, reports the North China Daily News.

The chauffeur of a taxi was arrested by the Settlement police, but he was later handed over to the Japanese gendarmerie for further questioning, it was believed.

The robbery, made yet more amazing by the fact that no firearms were used by the robbers, was made possible by the fact that the loading coolies and the supervisor did not suspect the two men.

According to Mr. J. N. Greenfield, Chief of Accounts and Checking Department of the Post Office, the money was being loaded into an armoured truck at the time the robbers made their appearance in the compound of the Post Office. Three or four coolies were occupied by the work and were supervised by a clerk. The money, which, it was learned, had only been received in Shanghai on the previous Friday, was packed in ten parcels.

CITY GOVERNMENT PLATES
It was then that the robbers, riding in a green car bearing licence No. 5152 and City Government plates No. 855, alighted from the vehicle and approached the clerk. One of them, the Japanese, addressed the supervisor in Japanese. Believing that the man was from the Japanese authorities and might have come either to make enquiries or to search the premises, the clerk sent another Chinese to the office to ask someone to come down. The Japanese then proceeded into the strong room from where the money was being taken out and, together with his accomplice, transferred the parcels into his own car.

Before the stupefied witnesses knew what was happening, the Japanese and his Chinese accomplice got into the car and drove away. It was then that the supervisor and the coolies as well as the three guards who had been detailed to watch over the money, realized that they had been robbed and raised an alarm. The car with the robbers had by then disappeared.

BALL SET ROLLING
The case was immediately reported to the Settlement police and Japanese authorities and the ball was set rolling. With the number of the vehicle known to them, the detectives from the Hongkew police station traced the car to Sung Dai garage in Hongkew. The detectives proceeded there and found the chauffeur of the vehicle on the premises.
He was taken back to the station and questioned as to what he knew of the robbery. He answered that the two men had hired him at the garage and ordered him to take them to the Post Office. After a few minutes there, during which he saw them take the ten parcels,

the passengers got into the taxi and told the chauffeur to drive them to a certain address in Scott Road. There they paid him off and disappeared.

DEAD END

The chauffeur was taken to Scott Road, but the detectives discovered that the address given was a house occupied by the Japanese military authorities. The police, having no right to enter the premises were forced to stop their investigations. The entire case was given over to the Japanese gendarmerie for investigations, since the detectives are not in possession of full description of the two robbers, apart from the fact that they both wore foreign clothes. The chauffeur, it was believed, was also handed over to the Japanese for further questioning about the crime.

Well informed sources believed yesterday that the robbery could not have been committed without someone inside the Post Office tipping off the robbers of the transfer of the huge sum from the strong room of the General Post Office to the Postal Savings and Remittance Bank in Kiangse Road, especially so since the money had only been received here on Friday.

NO LIGHT ON THE AFFAIR
Detectives from Hongkew police station were on the scene of the crime soon after the robbery and all the employees, who had witnessed the coming and going of the robbers were questioned, as were the three guards. The questioning, however, threw no light on the affair. The guards, it was said, had not the least suspicion of the sinister aims of the two men and had therefore done nothing to stop their car.

The sum was sent here by the Hongkew branch of the Post Office and was to be used for the construction of a post office in Nanjing. Due to the fact that all the banks were closed on Friday, the \$2,500,000 were kept at the Post Office until yesterday morning when it was to be loaded and transferred to the postal bank.

An official of the Post Office stated that the Japanese had told the supervising clerk that he was from the Japanese authorities. This was later proven to be a trick on his part. His ruse, it appears, worked perfectly, for neither he nor his Chinese accomplice was seen to take out a pistol. This led detectives to believe that the men might have been unarmed.

Alexandria Evacuation

WOMEN, BABIES RIDE ON TRAIN ROOFS

ALEXANDRIA, June 10 (Reuter)—Women and even small babies are riding on the roof tops of the trains, so great is the press of the Arab population to leave Alexandria as a result of the air raids.

Special arrangements have had to be taken at the railway station to cope with the exodus which is providing an amazing sight.
All entrances to the main station are now closed and guarded by soldiers and are only being opened at specified times.

ROUSING SEND-OFF
Trains leave continuously piled high and are given a rousing send-off by crowds awaiting the next train.

Some 40,000 left by train on Sunday and a high railway official expressed the opinion that there would be at least two or three times that number leaving Alexandria in the next two days.
The city itself remains calm and orderly.

CHINA-MADE TRUCK IN USE IN S.W.

The first truck ever made by the Chinese in China is now running in the south-west of this country, according to a report appearing in the leading Chinese dailies published in Shanghai yesterday. It was made by the China Motor Car Manufacturing

NAZIS FEAR SPECTRE OF VERSAILLES

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—Mr. John Cudahy, former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, whose newspaper article on the last days of King Leopold were read all over the world, has just returned to America from Germany, where he had a 30-minute interview with Hitler.

Mr. Cudahy, who saw Hitler as a journalist, reports that Hitler's attitude was most unfriendly. "He gave me the idea he didn't like me at all because I was American," Cudahy, believes America will come into the war soon.

"THIRTY YEARS WAR"
"If the war is not brought to a military conclusion by October, I think we are going to have something like the 'Thirty Years War'."

Hitler, said Mr. Cudahy, did not give an impression that he wanted peace or would negotiate for peace, and also that he sincerely regarded the suggestion of an invasion of America as fantastic.

The New York Post quotes Mr. Cudahy as saying the Germans have "a great dread of losing the war because of the spectre of Versailles, hence they are determined and united."

Company which secured technical help from a German firm two years ago. The oil used by the truck is made from plants. The company is making more such trucks and all accessories. The German firm maintains an office in Shanghai.

Likely Visit Of Molotov To Japan

TOKYO, June 10 (Reuter)—Despite the absence of official Soviet confirmation the Nazi organ the Hochi Shimbun today said that M. Molotov's rumoured visit to Japan this summer was "quite likely," adding that such a visit would go far in clearing up the outstanding Japanese-Soviet problems and cementing friendly relations.
The paper adds that solution of all such problems is not only beneficial to Japan but is urgent from the Soviet point of view as "waves of German-Italian New Order in Europe are sweeping rapidly over the Balkans and especially as Hitler's Near Eastern policy is striving to embrace Iran and Afghanistan."

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by O. Eager, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Reserve) KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE
The following Police Reservists will parade for duty in connexion with the King's Birthday Parade on Thursday, June 12, 1941:
Thirty-one members of the Chinese Company to parade at No. 2 Police Station at 06.30 hours and draw revolvers. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Nine members of the Indian Company to parade at No. 2 Police Station at 06.30 hours and draw revolvers. Dress: Khaki Uniform.
Nineteen members of the Emergency Unit Reserve to parade at No. 2 Police Station at 06.30 hours and draw revolvers. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Six members of the Flying Squadron will report with their machines to Traffic Inspector, Central Police Station at 07.00 hours. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

CHINESE COMPANY
Strength: Constable R172 Choi Chiew Seng has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company, as from June 4, 1941.

Constable R1312 Lau Jok Nin has been struck off the strength of the Chinese Company, as from June 3, 1941.

Leave: Sub-Inspector (R) T'so Huk On has returned from leave, and resumes duty as O.I.C. "B" Company as from date.

Inspection Parade: All ranks of "A" Company will parade at Murray Parade Ground for a general inspection of equipment etc. by the Company Commander on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform. The Equipment Officer will make it a point of being present.

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY.
Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD
Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE
Strength: Constable R488 F. A. Gutierrez is invalided from the Hongkong Police Reserve, as from June 4, 1941.

Constable R530 R. Phillips is dismissed from the Hongkong Police Reserve, as from May 31, 1941.

Commendation: Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa is commended by the Commissioner of Police for zeal and alertness in handling the case of Ex. Constable R530 R. Phillips who was convicted by the 1st Magistrate for obtaining money by False Pretences.

Riot Drill: Those detailed will attend Kennedy Road on Friday, June 13 for Riot Drill under Acting Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa. Van will leave Reserve Headquarters at 17.05 hours sharp on that date. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Training Course—Part I: Those detailed will attend Murray Parade Ground for instruction in Part I of Training Course on Wednesday, June 11 at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress: Khaki Uniform.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.
W. R. CHESTER-WOODS, Adjutant, Police Reserve.

BLACK BOURSE AT WORK IN FRANCE

LISBON, May 30.—I asked a barman I knew in Paris if he could get me a Havana cigar. He just laughed. I insisted. Finally he said: "Well, I'll try, but it will cost you plenty if I am able to find one at all."

He whispered instructions to a chasseur who disappeared for about 30 minutes. He came back with the cigar. The bill was Fr. 150 (about U.S.\$3.50). You can still get almost anything in France if you are able to pay the price to the Black Bourse, writes a correspondent in a home paper.

The Black Bourse has become a great business in France. Thousands of people make their livelihood at the illegal business of selling everything from money to soap and clothing at unofficial prices and without requiring tickets.

A few big operators, mostly German, have made fortunes. But the vast majority of people engaged in this traffic are little people, waiters out of work, housewives and former clerks, who just make a living. They risk up to three years imprisonment if caught.

BLACK BOURSE OPERATIONS

I found a restaurant I used to know on the left bank is now virtually a headquarters of small-time Black Bourse operators. There I found two waiters, a mannequin and a girl who used to work in a hat shop all making their living in this way. The former mannequin said:

"I have done better at this than I did in the shop before the war. I made Fr. 1,000 just this afternoon over an apéritif arranging a contact between a man who wanted a large quantity of yarn and a man who had it. It's getting more difficult now, though, because it is getting harder all the time to find things."

She said that the biggest operators on the Black Bourse were German civilians.

"They buy up everything and don't care what they pay," she said. "I don't know what they are doing with it, but I think they are sending it into Germany."

CROSSWORD NO. 906

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- ACROSS**
- Toothed instrument
 - Rotating piece on a wheel
 - Young servant
 - Plane surface
 - Beverage
 - What calliph was the first to assume the title of "Commander of the Faithful"?
 - What island in the Mediterranean is separated from Corsica by Strait of Bonifacio?
 - Measure out
 - What is the missing first name of the great English actress Dame Terry?
 - Anaesthetic
 - Taut
 - What is the first name of the woman writer whose autobiography is "All in the Day's Work"?
 - Capital of French colony
 - Happen again
 - Hues
 - Rub over the surface
 - Whitish mineral
 - Avoided
 - Weight of India
 - Merciless
 - Bury
 - African antelope
 - Wings
 - Ivory cubes
 - Part of a camera
 - Suffix: make into
 - Pinches
 - Kind of fuel
 - Consumed
 - Chore
 - DOWN
 - A box
 - Verbal
 - European blackbird
 - Requested
 - Tin receptacle
 - Foreigners
 - Foods
 - Fruit of the apple family
 - U.S. citizen
 - Passage from a shore inland
 - Sooner than
 - Act upon each other
 - What son of Zeus had
 - to perform twelve great "labours"?
 - Bitter vetch
 - One who has been deceived
 - Character in Douai Bible
 - Performs
 - Learning
 - Who was the queen in Spenser's "Faerie Queene"?
 - Electrified particle
 - Sea eagle
 - Pronoun
 - Most certain
 - Networks
 - Cosy retreat
 - Gave temporarily
 - Melody
 - Short sleeps
 - Office furniture
 - Lofty mountain
 - Who surrendered at Appomattox?
 - Observe

SOLUTION TOMORROW

Solution No. 905
J O K E R S L A G I T O W
A D E N I L E N E T O V A
W A R R I O R I N A K E D
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T E D I S L E W I T T E N D

LAMMERTS AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Marshal in Prize, Supreme Court,

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Saturday, the 14th. June, 1941.

commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at The Holt's Wharf, Kowloon.

909 pieces Round Bars

204 bags Paraffin Wax

1 Lot Pig Iron (about 200 tons)

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

For Inspection orders apply to

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

WATER RETURNS FOR MAY

Fall In Mainland Reservoirs

With an increase in the consumption of water per head, the mainland reservoirs show a decrease for the month of May as compared with last year.

The total storage on June 1, 1940, was 1,645.03 million gallons, against 2,138.13 million gallons on June 1, 1940.

Consumption was 19.6 gallons per head per day against 14.0 gallons per head per day in May, 1940. Population on the mainland was 853,000 on June 1, against 890,000 on June 1, 1940.

SLIGHT INCREASE

Island reservoirs showed a slight increase, the total being 2,125.63 million gallons on June 1, against 2,045.43 million gallons on June 1, 1940.

Consumption showed an increase on the Island as well, being 23.6 gallons per head per day against 18.1 gallons per head per day in May, 1940.

Population showed a decrease—770,000 against 880,000 in May, 1940.

Constant supplies of water were maintained for the month in the mainland and the island.

UNDECLARED WAR BACKFIRES ON JAPAN

COLUMBIA, MO., May 28, (By Clipper): Mr. James R. Young, former Far East correspondent for the International News Service, speaking here recently, described the stupidity of the Japanese government in handling the war with China. He said the war is just another "undeclared incident" and that the conflict is beginning to backfire on Japan.

"The Japanese cannot defeat China," Young continued. "The Japanese are having much trouble with getting 'New Order' understood properly because many call it the 'new odour'."

"The Japanese Army," Mr. Young said, "is launching its 18th major campaign in China and they still have little chance of defeating China. After each campaign, the Japanese tell us the Chinese Army has been wiped out. But after the Japanese retire from an occupied zone, the Chinese come back; they are always there."

Mr. Young said that it is difficult to get news in Tokyo nowadays because the sources who are informed are often afraid to talk. This conflict of authoritative sources is the basis of the trouble the foreign correspondents are having with the Japanese government. He disclosed that many German and Italian newspapermen are in Japan working as agents for their government.

Mr. Young recounted how foreign correspondents now call on the Japanese Foreign Office and asked if there are any daily details. (Central News).

LAMMERTS AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Wednesday, the 11th. June 1941.

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:—

Teakwood Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Sideboards, Dinner Waggon, Dining Tables, Chairs, Desks, Ice Chests, Bookcases, Ornaments, E. P., Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Electric Table Fans & Lamps, Gramophone & Records, etc., etc.

also

A QUANTITY OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE.

comprising:—

Carved Blackwood Bed, Sideboard Settees, Tables, Stools, Joss Table, Chest, Teapoy, Curio Cabinets & Stands, etc., etc.

and

1 Perambulator

1 Radio-gram

2 Radio Sets

2 New Canvas Canoes

On View from Tuesday, the 10th. June, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Friday, the 13th June, 1941.

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:

Teakwood Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Sideboards, Dining Tables, Chairs, Chesterfield Suites, Wardrobe, Cabin Trunks, Carpets, Rugs, Table Fans & Lamps, Brass, E. P., Porcelain and Glass Ware, Gramophones & Records, Ornaments, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

also

A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE.

and

1 Grand Piano

1 "Remington" Typewriter

1 "Westinghouse" Electric Stove

1 Gas Stove

1 Radio Set

1 Radio-gram

1 Teakwood Dining Room Suite

2 Teakwood Bed Room Suites

On View from Thursday, the 12th June, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS.

WANT ADS ARE SURE!

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JUNE 10, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	445
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8	
On demand	82 5/8
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:—	
On demand	46 1/4
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz.	23 3/8

Market Report

FROM RUZA BROS.

Tuesday, June 10.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 3/8 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to September, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Business was done early in the morning at 24 7/16 for Cash and forward. The market closed at 24 3/8 for lunch time with sellers at 24 3/8 for near and 24 7/16 for forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 453 1/2 with business done at 453 3/4. Subsequently the rate receded and business was done at 453. 452 3/4, 452 1/2 and 452 1/4. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 452, buyers at 452 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3.19/64 and closed steadier at 3.5/16 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.11/32 and closed with sellers at 5.3/8 for Spot. Steadier.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING
The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to September, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Steady. Closed with sellers at 24 7/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Quiet. Closed with sellers at 453 1/4, buyers possibly at 453 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling closed a shade easier with sellers at 3.19/64 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 5.11/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, June 10 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates		
	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/4	5-1/4
New York	5-1/4	5-1/4
India	22-1/4	22-1/4
Japan	nominal	nominal
Paris	21-5/8	21-5/8

Sterling		
	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-19/64	0/3-5/16
June	0/3-19/64	0/3-5/16
July	0/3-19/64	0/3-5/16

U.S. Dollars		
	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8
June	\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8
July	\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8

Market:—Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	13.59	13.48	13.49	.08 up
New York Rubber, July	22.19	22.15	22.15	.20 up
New York Hides, Sept.	14.79	14.67	14.70b	.04 up
Chicago Wheat, July	103 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	1 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, July	74 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	1 1/2 off

Closing Ranges Changes		
N.Y. COTTON: Notice date—25/6		
July	13.49/50	.08 up
Oct.	13.67/67	.12 up
Dec.	13.77/78	.10 up
Jan.	13.79/79	.14 up
Mar.	13.84/84	.17 up
May	13.84/84	.16 up

Saturday's Sales:—114,400 bales.		
N.Y. RUBBER: Notice date—27/6		
July	22.15/15	.20 up
Sept.	21.70b/75a	unch.
Dec.	21.45/80	.16 off
Mar.	21.31b/35a	.11 up
May	21.00 N	.10 up

Total sales:—450 tons.		
NEW YORK HIDES:		
Sept.	14.70b/75a	.04 up
Dec.	14.80/80	.08 up

Total sales:—15 lots.		
CHICAGO WHEAT:		
July	102 1/2/102 1/2	1 1/2 up
Sept.	104 1/2/104 1/2	1 1/2 up

Saturday's sales:—19,934,000 bushels.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, June 9.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952)	103-9/16
Defence Loan, 3%	100 1/2
Canton-K'loon Ry. 5%	9
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	38
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/47	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	37
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	21
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31
Chinese 8% Star. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	7-9
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan	48
Honan Ry. 5% 1905	10
Hukuang Ry. 5% 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Ry. 5% 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913	9
Shai-N'king Ry. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Jap. 6% Star. Loan, 1924	23 1/2-27 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	44
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	75
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Col. Reg.)	79
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	11 1/2
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "C"	11 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	17
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	16 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	15
Union Insurance	22
Gula Kalumpung Rubber Lon., Mid. & Scot. Ry.	12
Great Western Ry.	32
National Bank of India	31 1/2
B-A. Tob. (bearer)	81/104
Bristol Aeroplane	32/103
Imperial Chemical Ind.	30/9
United Steel	23/6
Woolworths	47 1/2
Marsman Investments	6/3
Western Holdings	11 1/2
Sub-Nigel	140/-
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	40/-

* bid. † ex div.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, June 9 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, June 9 (Reuter).

Govt 3 1/2% Rupee, 95-14-0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter).

The Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly firm, sentiments being encouraged by the Syrian developments.

Gift-edged holdings, especially Indian stocks, rose generally on fair demand. Industrials were steady apart from a slight easing in stores and tobaccos.

Oil shares were quiet except Burma and Anglo-Iranian, which were slightly higher.

Kafirs were firm, especially non-producers which met with persistent demand. Westholds were 73s. 9d. against 76s. 6d.

Japanese bonds advanced a point.

Wall Street was firm.

FEDERAL RESERVE RETURNS

New York, June 9 (Reuter).

(000's Omitted)

May 27 June 3

Total Loans \$10,268,000 \$10,183,000

Investments 17,689,000 17,878,000

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, June 9 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, £268-5/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, £269-1/8.

Market steady and very firm with week-end strength in New York and the East attracted offers of "cash." After hours—5 tons for cash at £268-3/4.

United Kingdom weekly stocks

3,209 tons—an increase of 162 tons.

LONDON GOLD

London, June 9 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JUNE 10, 1941.

STOCKS		Last Sale	June 9
Adams Express	6 1/2		
Allegany Steel Co.	22 1/2		
Allis Chalmers	28 1/2		
Amer. Can.	78 1/2		
American Cyanamid B.	37 1/2		
Amer. & Foreign Power	3 1/2		
Amer. Locomotive Co.	12 1/2		
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2		
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2		
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2		
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	158 1/2		
Amer. Tobacco "B"	63 1/2		
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2		
Amesbury Corp.	26 1/2		
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	27 1/2		
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2		
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	14 1/2		
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2		
Barnes Oil	9 1/2		
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2		
Bethlehem Steel	7 1/2		
Bliss & Co., E.W. (com.)	14 1/2		
Boeing Airplane Co.	16 1/2		
Borg-Warner	17 1/2		
Briggs Mfg. Co.	19 1/2		
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2		
Canadian Pacific	3 1/2		
Celanese Corp.	22 1/2		
Chesapeake & Ohio	36 1/2		
Chrysler	57 1/2		
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3 1/2		
Commercial Credit Co.	23 1/2		
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	3 1/2		
Consolidated Edison Co.	18 1/2		
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2		
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2		
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2		
Dixie Corp. (Seagrams)	13 1/2		
Douglas Aircraft	70 1/2		
Du Pont de Nemours	152 1/2		
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2		
Elec. Antelope Co.	27 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pt.	54 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pt.	58 1/2		
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pt.	32 1/2		
Flintkote	12 1/2		
Gen. Electric	30 1/2		
Gen. Motors	38 1/2		
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2		
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2		
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2		
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	16 1/2		
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2		
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	25 1/2		
Great Western Sugar	24 1/2		
Inter. Nickel	28 1/2		
Inter. Paper & Power	14 1/2		
Int. Tel. & Tel. (Fon. Is.)	2 1/2		
Libby, McNeil	—		

DOW JONES AVERAGE		June 10, 1941.	Change
High	Low	High	Low
133.69	115.30	133.69	115.30
28.75	26.54	28.75	26.54
20.65	17.23	20.65	17.23
99.19	85.58	99.19	85.58
69.78	55.45	69.78	55.45

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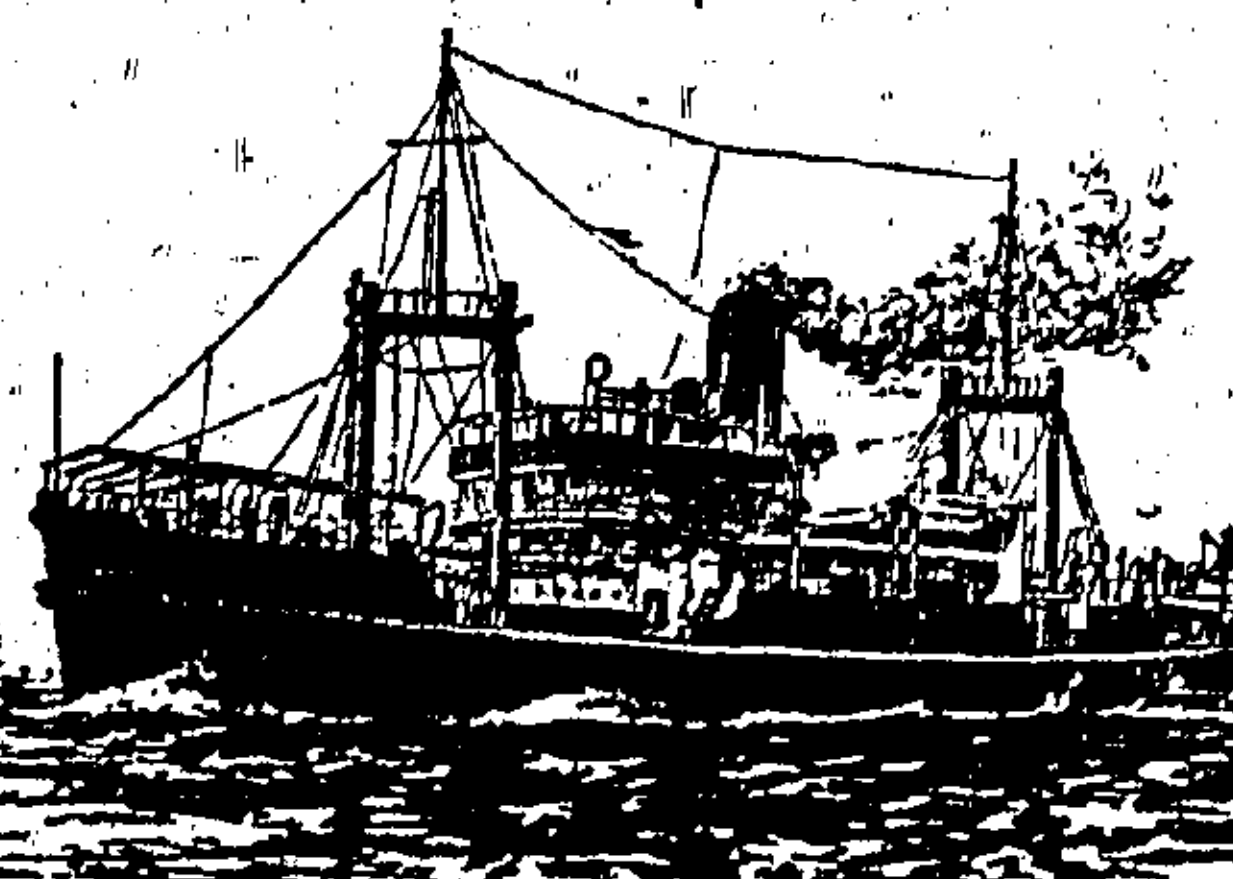
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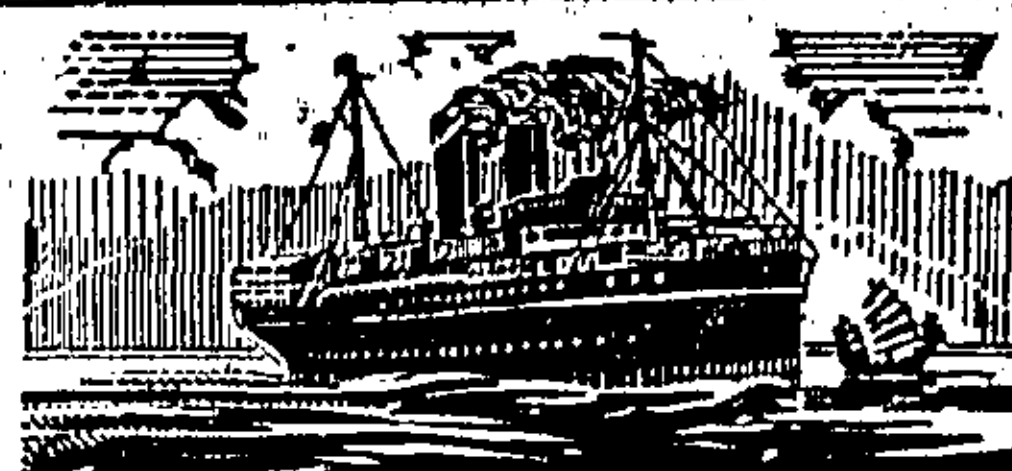
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Junk Masters In Court

ACTION FOR RETURN OF CRAFT

Hearing of the case in which two junk masters are involved and in which one is suing the other for the return of a junk alleged to have aided the Japanese in a piratical act on the high seas was resumed before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Summary Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, Mak Shiu, of No. 15, Ko Shing Street, first floor, is claiming for the return of junk No. 3345H, and its appurtenances or its value, \$1,000, and costs of the action, from Lam Cheung-wing, of No. 386 Castle Peak Road.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. C. d'Almada, and the defendant by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

FIRE ON

Giving evidence yesterday, Wong Ah-lu said that plaintiff was the owner of junk No. 3345H of which he was a member of the crew. He remembered the day when the junk was fired on by a vessel and, later, was boarded by some persons, who appeared to be Japanese. They were sent ashore in a boat.

After further evidence had been called in support of plaintiff's case, hearing was adjourned to Monday, June 16 at 9 a.m.

START ON THREE CARGO SHIPS AT ONCE

War Cabinet approved of the first report of the Shipbuilding Board recommending the immediate construction of three 9,000 tons overseas merchant vessels.

One will be built in N.S.W., one in Queensland, and one in South Australia. Expansion of shipbuilding facilities in Victoria is being investigated.

The Government has directed the board to aim at at least 60 ships as a long-range objective.

The programme was announced by the Minister for Munitions (Senator McBride). The board has recommended that funds be made available for the expansion of present facilities.

The board, in its report, recognised the demands on machine tools and skilled men, but could see no insuperable obstacles to production of the number of ships required by the Government within a reasonable time.

9,000-TONS STEAMERS

Sensor McBride said that the board had recommended a British standard ship modified to suit Australia's requirements in speed and refrigerated space as the type to be built.

It would be a single-screw, shelter-deck steamer, with five holds, having a deadweight tonnage of 9,000 and a gross tonnage of 5,200.

The cargo capacity on a voyage between Australia and the United

Kingdom would be about 7,600 tons.

Builders' sub-contracts with other workshops as far afield as West Australia were contemplated.

EXPAND FACILITIES

Many offers to build ships had been received, but for the time being the board was concentrating on overseas cargo vessels as the more essential need.

Facilities for construction, including the production of hulls, reciprocating engines, boilers and auxiliary machinery had been reviewed.

The board had recommended that immediate results would best be achieved by concentrating on expansion of existing organisations with the necessary planning staff, personnel and machine shops.

Later, the development of suitable new sites would be considered.

SHIP REPAIR BASES

Sensor McBride has authorised expenditure for necessary machine tools to be ordered immediately. As far as possible these will be of Australian design and manufacture.

The board has been authorised to proceed immediately with necessary alterations to the floating dock at Newcastle to enable its full use for ship repair work.

It is also investigating the possibility of equipping Walsh Island (Sydney) for immediate use as a ship repair base.

Japan-U.S. Relations

President Roosevelt's and Secretary of State Cordell Hull's denial of the NEW YORK TIMES report alleging attempts by Japan to conclude a non-aggression and neutrality pact with the United States and Mr. Hull's declaration that the United States policy vis-a-vis Japan remains unchanged served to crush the recent Japanese rumour campaign and clarify the Pacific situation, says the TA KUNG PAO in an editorial on Japanese-American relations.

For the past ten years since the Mukden Incident on September 18, 1931, the United States policy towards the Far East, namely, opposition to Japan's armed aggression and her so-called "New Order in East Asia" has remained consistent. Any attempt to reverse this policy will only prove to be a boomerang, the paper says.

Recalling the recent Japanese attempts to court the favour of the United States, including the proposed visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Matsuo to America and the rumour offensive lately, the paper opines that the main purpose of these attempts was to settle the "China Affair." By professing her desire for a rapprochement with the United States, Japan hopes to alienate the latter from China so that American aid to China might be curtailed.

These attempts, the paper remarks, only indicate that Japan is not yet determined to break her relations with the United States at present. However, an improvement in their relations will be unlikely.

GENERAL MOTORS MONTHS AHEAD ON DEFENCE WORK

NEW YORK, Apr. 17.—General Motors Corp. is now in production on its \$61,000,000 machine gun order and is months ahead of schedule, Charles E. Wilson, President of the company, declares, states the Christian Science Monitor.

Machine gun production lines Guide Lamp Division's Brown are in operation in General Motors' Flint-Plant in Saginaw and Flint, Mich., and a stock of the completed guns is being built up, ready when called for by the United States Army.

MASS PRODUCTION

These latest additions to America's rapidly rising mountain of defence materials are a sample of what the automotive industry can do in producing non-automotive defence products, Mr. Wilson said. They were not built in our regular production plants nor with our regular production machinery, but they are evidence of our mass production skill and know-how.

The G. M. machine gun assignment, the first such order given outside the small arms industry in the East, is allotted to four corporation plants in Michigan, Ohio and New York. Fifty-one other companies throughout the East and Middle West are furnishing parts and materials.

All four plants expect to be in full production by late fall, turning out 30 and 50-calibre Brownings. At Saginaw the Saginaw Steering Gear Division plant has been running on a production basis for about two weeks in a new five-acre, glass-walled building which will have its formal dedication April 23.

FINAL ASSEMBLY LINE

The AC Spark Plug Division operation at Flint, housed in a converted spark plug plant, started its final assembly line functioning on a production basis on the 50-calibre machine guns this week. The Frigidaire plant in Dayton, Ohio, now moving into a new building, will get into production in June on 50-calibre guns, while the 30-calibre type will begin to come off the line at

MORE PRISONERS CAPTURED

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter) — The Middle East communique states that there is no change in the situation in Libya.

In Iraq all is quiet. In Abyssinia British troops are continuing their advance west of the River Omo and further prisoners have been captured.

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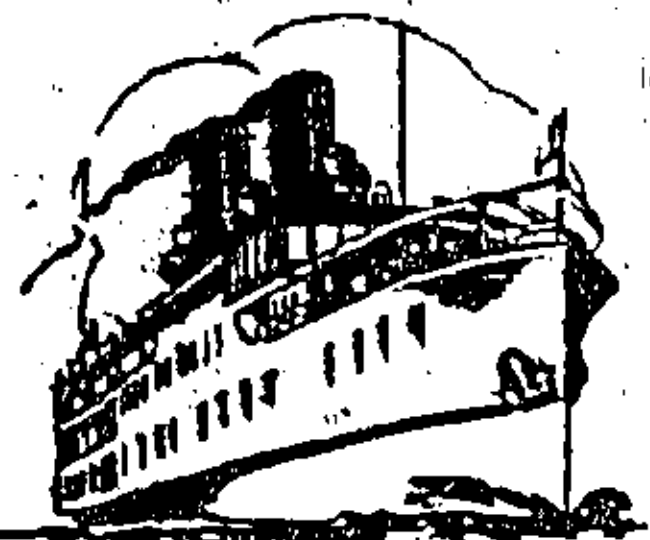
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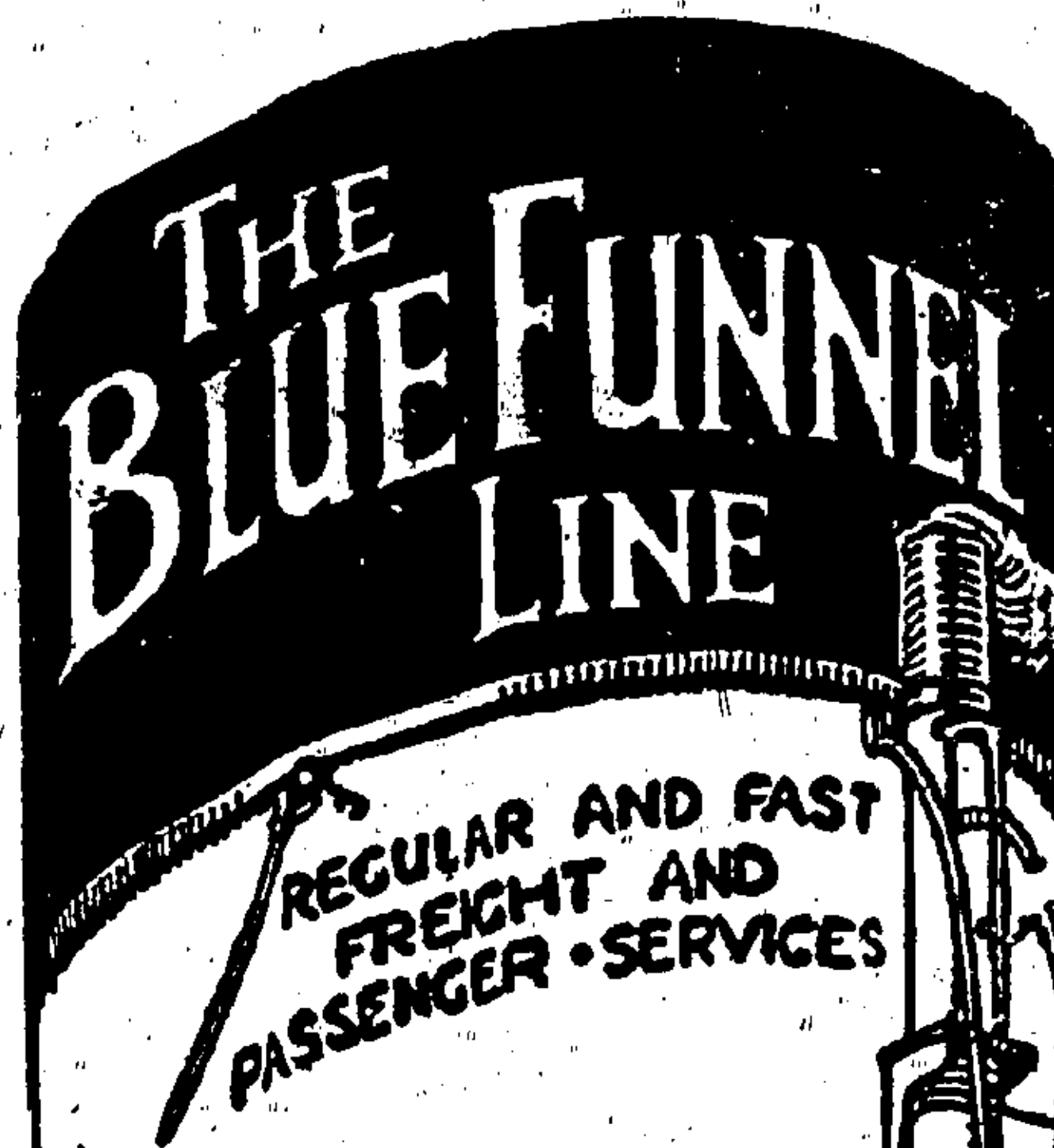
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SIMON WINS ON K.O.

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—When Ben Simon faced Joe Louis last March, he was regarded as just another victim but put up such a fine fight carrying the champion for 13 rounds that he was promised a return fight later. Simon has not been seen in the ring since, till last night, when, with a weight of more than six stone heavier than the 12-stone Pete Tamalonis, he knocked out his rival after 58 seconds in the second round.

Simon nowadays is the Deputy Police Commissioner of Long Beach but is looking forward to the day when he again gets Louis to the ring.

Fighting In Shansi And Suiyuan

CHUNGKING, JUNE 10 (CENTRAL)—THE CHINESE 93RD ARMY MADE A FIERCE ATTACK AGAINST THE JAPANESE troops stationed between Chiehhsiu and Lingshih on the Tientsin-Puchow Railway in Shansi on June 3, putting them to flight.

On the previous night troops of the Chinese 10th Division attacked the Japanese south of Chiehhsiu. Fierce fighting broke out, resulting in heavy casualties on both sides.

According to reports from Suiyuan, an eastbound Japanese military train on the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway met with disaster on the night of May 31 when it struck a Chinese mine at a point about five miles east of Sarat, 27 miles east of Paotow. The locomotive and three coaches were destroyed and a number of Japanese were killed.

Japanese troops hastened to the spot in a number of army lorries were attacked by Chinese guerrillas and driven away the following morning.

On June 3 Chinese guerrillas intercepted a fleet of Japanese army lorries loaded with military supplies at a point near Anpei, 58 miles northwest of Paotow. Three of the lorries were wrecked.

JAPANESE REPULSED

Units of Japanese troops at Shaoching, wine-producing town on the south bank of Hangchow Bay about 35 miles southeast of Hangchow, made a westward thrust on June 7 but were driven back by the Chinese with losses.

CLOSING IN ON FOCHOW

Tightening their ring around Fochow, Chinese forces are rapidly converging on the city from different directions, with the forward units fast approaching the outskirts.

Under Chinese pressure, the Japanese on the left bank of the Min River have been forced to retreat to the Tungchow-Shankiao-Kuanki line west of Fochow.

Chinese troops advancing eastward fought the Japanese in serious battles in the hilly regions of Kuanyuanli during the past few days resulting in over 1,000 casualties. Yesterday, Chinese pursuit columns, assisted by local militia, again engaged the Japanese in severe fighting and inflicted another some 500 losses.

COMMUNICATIONS DISRUPTED

Japanese communications on the southern Kiangsu-Anhui border are being disrupted due to Chinese sabotage activities.

On the night of June 4, a Chinese raiding party from Tangtu attacked the Nanking-Wuhu Railway destroying many sections of the line, and also fell hundreds of telegraph poles between Tangtu and Wuhu.

The Chinese retired safely to their base before dawn after completing their mission.

PLANS TO PROTECT KEY PORTS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—Plans to protect key ports of New South Wales, "Industrial heart of Australia", against air raids were discussed at a conference yesterday between Mr. Heffron, Minister for National Emergency Services, and Mr. P. C. Spender, Minister for War.

Mr. Spender said that he had been impressed by New South Wales' case for financial assistance from the Commonwealth in carrying out the protection of these ports.

Over £1,000,000 will be needed to give effect to the plans.

Colonial Aid Is Constant Source Of Encouragement To People In Britain

"The point I want to make is that what the Colonies are doing is no longer just a matter for the history book. People all over the country see it in the streets. It is a constant source of encouragement to all kinds of people here and we are all very grateful for it," said MR. NOEL SABBINE, Public Relations Officer to the Colonial Office, when he broadcast from London in the series "MATTERS OF MOMENT."

Mr. Sabine said he had been reading a book on the war by Sir Charles Lucas, in which there was a very full account of the part the Colonies played in the last war. Passages here and there recalled to mind the efforts that were crowned with success 23 years ago. History had repeated itself in the second East African campaign.

COLONY ACTIVITIES

As in the last war the Colonies were manning their own defences and sending volunteers home.

In this age of total war, continued the speaker, everything was on a much bigger scale. The troops had to have more equipment and more intensive training.

There was a difference from the last war in that, in this war, the efforts of the Colonies had been brought home to the people of Britain and the psychological effect had been very great indeed.

It was quite as important to the ordinary man and woman, up against the biggest personal and national crisis of their lives, to feel that they were not altogether alone.

AND FROM COLONIES

Mr. Sabine then told of a tour he made to find out what the aid from the Colonies amounted to. He started his tour one evening by visiting a civil defence depot in a quite heavily raided district. There he found West Indians and West Africans and he talked with them all. Some had gone to England at their own expense to do war work and they were happy to do it.

Mr. Sabine next went to Sussex where he saw a mobile canteen which was presented by an

island far away but present in name and thought. He went to another part of Sussex to an anti-aircraft and searchlight station and found that one of two of the Colonies had presented cinema vans for the A.A. command. One was from the people of Dominica.

After that, he went to see the Colonial mobile canteens presented by the people of Malta, Nigeria, Ceylon, Malaya, Hongkong and every Colony in the Empire.

One of the first of these mobile canteens reached Coventry, and the Mayor sent a special message of thanks.

EFFORTS APPRECIATED

Mr. Sabine said he remembered seeing one of the Kenya canteens in a particularly cheerful place. He learnt that its adventures, during its short career, had taken it to Hull, Manchester and Liverpool and it had received its baptism of fire in the heavy raids on London in 1940.

He had spoken to the workers who all told him of the interest the customers showed in the canteens. They asked all kinds of questions about the inscriptions. These gifts made the people think kindly of the distant Colonies.

"We, in this country, do know something of the way in which you are helping us," concluded Mr. Sabine. "This war, like all wars, has brought much misery and great tragedies, but if, at the end, it helps us to understand each other a little better, this will be no mean reward. It will provide a sure foundation to the task that lies before us: the solving of our common problems and the building up of a better world in which this can never happen again."

Arab Reaction To Arrival Of British Is Favourable

CAIRO, June 10 (Reuter)—THE PENETRATION OF ALLIED FORCES INTO SYRIA IS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY AND THE GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE ARAB REACTION TO THE ARRIVAL OF BRITISH FORCES IS FAVOURABLE, states a Cairo communique, which adds that in Libya there has been some patrol activity in the frontier area.

About the Tobruk area, the situation remains unchanged. In Abyssinia, as the result of the battle of the Lakes and the battle of the River Omo, a further 45,000 square miles of Italian territory have fallen into British hands.

In spite of great difficulties, due to the mountainous country, bad roads, and heavy rains, at least four Italian divisions have been destroyed or dispersed in battles.

All major opposition in front of Jimma has been overwhelmed and operations are proceeding favourably, concludes the communique, adding that there is no change in Iraq.

3-POINTED DASH

Reuter's Special correspondent with the British Imperial forces in Syria reports that infantry, supported by armoured vehicles, made a three-pointed dash into Syria, one along the coast via Ras Nagura, two up the fertile valley of Lake Huli through Natana and three, mainly Indians and Free French, across the Jordan east of Galilee bearing directly towards Damascus.

At the same time, cavalry patrolled deep into Syria preventing an outpost of resistance.

In the Matnala sector, French forces, mostly Colonials, are putting up some resistance.

NO STATEMENT

The Prime Minister, in the House of Commons, yesterday said he could not make any statement on the situation in Syria yet, but from various reports received the advance of the Imperial troops was going on steadily towards Damascus and Beirut.

SYMPATHY FOR FRENCH

Recording the warm applause of the United States for the British and French action in Syria, THE TIMES says, "Sympathy for the French nation has not diminished. 'Respect felt for Marshal Pétain and his colleagues have almost entirely disappeared. 'Americans are taking no chances. There can be little doubt that a very close watch is being kept on the situation in Dakar.'"

The need for speed of action in

Syria is emphasised by the DAILY MAIL.

TURKISH COMMENT

ANKARA, June 10 (Reuter)—Turkish newspapers comment very favourably upon the allied move into Syria which they consider timely, and say that it had become inevitable.

The newspaper, CUMHURİYET, says that the British and Free French forces' tactics are not only clever, but loyal, because they are carrying out a solemn undertaking to restore Syria's and the Lebanon's independence after 20 years of longing.

It praises also the urging of the blockade which was strangling the country. It says that the allies enter Syria as saviours.

The YENISABAH says: "If on the morrow of the armistice Marshal Pétain had not imposed a bridge on the national feelings which boiled spontaneously through the French Empire, the Free French would have long ago been installed in Syria, and the present unpleasant situation would not have arisen."

"Now the fault will be redeemed and Syria saved from the imminent danger, namely, a German invasion which lately had become unquestionable."

OFFER TO VICHY

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—The German occupying authorities in France made an outright offer to Vichy for the immediate execution of a Peace Treaty, according to the Bern correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES, quoting diplomatic quarters at Bern.

The Treaty, he says, would define the limits of territorial concessions to be made and would guarantee territorial integrity of the remainder of the French Empire.

France would agree to use her fleet and armed forces to drive the British from Syria.

To this end, he continues, most of France's confiscated useful war material would be returned when needed, especially pursuit planes and heavy artillery.

The correspondent adds that diplomats in Bern believe this offer will be hinted at in Admiral

FOREIGN MAILS

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GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Thursday, 12th June, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence 10 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The usual weekly Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the 'British Overseas Airways' will until further notice be closed on Mondays instead of Fridays.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H.K. \$2.00 per 1 oz. for letters and H.K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

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MONDAY	Mon. 16th June K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 17th June K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 1st July K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

JAPANESE VALET OF CHARLES CHAPLIN CAUGHT

LOS ANGELES, June 10 (Reuter)—Charles Chaplin's valet and secretary for 18 years, a 55-year-old Japanese, Torzichi Kono, has been arraigned on charges of conspiring to commit an offence against the United States, affecting defence.

Kono is alleged to have obtained confidential reports.

Code books and other documents were seized in the raid on Kono's residence. He has been released on bail.

Darlan's broadcast to the French people this evening.

LONG TALK

LONDON, June 10 (Reuter)—The British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen had a long talk at the Turkish Foreign Office on Sunday according to a message yesterday from Ankara.

VICHY TO BLAME

NEW YORK, June 10 (Reuter)—"If Frenchmen are fighting Frenchmen, only Vichy is to

JAPANESE CLAIMS DENIED

A Japanese broadcast that General Tseng Wan-chung, Chinese Commander in south Shansi, was killed in action was categorically denied by a Chinese military spokesman in an interview with the Central News.

The spokesman said that General Tseng is still directing operations on the front.

A Japanese claim that Brigadier General Tam Lien-jung, Commander of the 3rd Provisional Brigade of the 33rd Army, has surrendered to the Japanese also drew an emphatical denial from the spokesman who declared that there is no such person in the Chinese Army.

The spokesman characterised the Japanese reports as another "rumour offensive." — (Central News).

blame," says the CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER.

It continues: "If there is ever a Free France again, it will come through a victory by the allied forces."

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